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Sommario/riassunto	In the mid 50's, Swiss-born New Yorker Robert Frank embarked on a ten-thousand-mile road trip across post-war America, capturing thousands of photographs of all levels of a rapidly changing society. The resultant photo-book, The Americans, represents a seminal moment in both photography and in America's emerging understanding of itself. To mark the book's fiftieth anniversary, Jonathan Day revisits

this pivotal work and contributes a thoughtful and revealing critical commentary. Though the importance of *The Americans* has been widely acknowledged, it still retains much of its mystery.

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