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Sommario/riassunto	"Lebende Bilder" im Venedig des 16. Jahrhunderts In sixteenth-century Venice, paintings were often treated as living beings. As this book shows, paintings attended dinner parties, healed the sick, made money, and became involved in love affairs. Presenting a range of case studies, Elsje van Kessel offers a detailed examination of the agency paintings and other two-dimensional images could exert.

This lifelike agency is not only connected to the seemingly naturalistic style of these images - works by Titian, Giorgione and their contemporaries, illustrated here in over 150 plates. It is also brought in relation to their social-historical contexts, meticulously unravelled through archival research. Grounded in the theoretical literature on the agency of material things, *The Lives of Paintings* contributes to Venetian studies as well as engaging with wider debates on the attribution of life and presence to images and objects.
