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Sommario/riassunto	This book is a collection of all the single authored essays by Paul Cilliers, published between 1990-2011. Being one of few authors who approached the study of complexity from a philosophical perspective, the main themes in these papers explore:- Qualitative characterization of complexity and the normative implications of studying complex adaptive systems,- the philosophical and conceptual similarity to post-structural approaches- how any engagement with complexity leads to a

critical engagement with how we do science and design interventions-
critical and normative implications for how to engage with complex
socio-political concerns in the world. What makes this book unique is
that it consolidates a body of work that is distributed over a wide range
of academic journals. Although his book "Complexity and
Postmodernism" (Routledge, 1998) remains a cornerstone in the field of
complexity studies, Cilliers' journal essays really explore the
application of the theoretical concepts in more depth. His ground-
breaking ideas conceptualized in these essays have served as a
continual source of novelty and inspiration in the process of applying
complexity thinking to other fields of study.
