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Sommario/riassunto	In this groundbreaking study of a subject intricately tied up with the controversies of Japanese wartime politics and propaganda, Maki Kaneko reexamines the iconic male figures created by artists of yuga (Western-style painting) between 1930 and 1950. Particular attention is given to prominent yuga painters such as Fujita Tsuguharu, Yasui Star, Matsumoto Shunsuke, and Yamashita Kiyoshi—all of whom achieved fame for their images of men either during or after the Asia-Pacific War. By closely investigating the representation of male figures together with the contemporary politics of gender, race, and the body,

this profusely illustrated volume offers new insight into artists' activities in late Imperial Japan. Rather than adhering to the previously held model of unilateral control governing the Japanese Empire's visual regime, the author proposes a more complex analysis of the role of Japanese male artists and how art functioned during an era of international turmoil.
