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| Nota di contenuto       | Birth and adolescence -- Child marriage -- God enters Gandhi's life -- Gandhi in London -- Gandhi and Raychand -- Gandhi's conversion experience -- Out of Africa -- Spiritual warfare -- Touching the untouchable -- Fighting fire with light -- Mahatma Gandhi and Ramana Maharshi -- Spiritual temptations -- Spiritual serendipity -- Beefing up vegetarianism -- The sex life of a celibate -- The Bhagavad Gita, Gandhi's other mother -- Gandhi, God, and goodness -- Demythologizing and analyzing Gandhi -- Gandhi's spiritual biography and contemporary history.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sommario/riassunto      | In his Autobiography, Gandhi wrote, "What I want to achieve - what I have been striving and pining to achieve these thirty years - is self-realization, to see God face to face. ... All that I do by way of speaking and writing, and all my ventures in the political field, are directed to this same end." While hundreds of biographies and histories have been written about Gandhi (1869-1948), nearly all of them have focused on the national, political, social, economic, educational, environmental, or familial dimensions of his life. Very few, in recounting how Gandhi led his country to political freedom, have viewed his struggle primarily as a search of spiritual liberation. Shifting the focus to the understudied subject of Gandhi's spiritual life, Arvind Sharma retells the story of Gandhi's life through this lens. Illuminating unsuspected dimensions of Gandhi's inner world and uncovering their surprising connections with |

his outward actions, Sharma explores the eclectic religious atmosphere in which Gandhi was raised, his belief in karma and rebirth, his conviction that morality and religion are synonymous, his attitudes toward tyranny and freedom, and, perhaps most important, the mysterious source of his power to establish new norms of human conduct. This book enlarges our understanding of one of history's most profoundly influential figures, a man whose trust in the power of the spirit helped liberate millions.

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