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Sommario/riassunto	A playwright, poet, and activist, Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) was known for his theory of the epic theater and his attempts to break down the division between high art and popular culture. He was also a committed Marxist who lived through two world wars and a global depression. Looking at Brecht's life and works through his plays, stories, poems, and political essays, Philip Glahn illustrates how they trace a lifelong attempt to relate to the specific social, economic, and political circumstances of the early twentieth century. Glahn reveals how Brecht upended the language and gest