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Sommario/riassunto	Apes cannot talk; nor are they left or right handed. In this engaging account of language, evolution, and the brain, Michael Corballis shows why these two facts are intimately connected. Humans alone can learn and manipulate language because of a biological device in the left hemisphere of the brain (a specialization that causes handedness). In fascinating detail, he describes how this device emerged through the evolutionary pressures faced by our ancestors. He then shows how it works in a deft account of symbols, grammar, and vocabulary. Ranging across anthropology, biology, and linguistics, this book offers an engrossing look at what makes humans so unique.