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Sommario/riassunto	Queen Liberty traces the history of an idea that lay at the foundation of political thought in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and at the same time a certain political myth that formed a core element of Polish noble culture. Anna Grzeskowiak-Krwawicz seeks to trace the evolution of the ideal of “golden liberty” from the state’s creation in the sixteenth century through to the distinctive degeneration of the idea and

attempts at resuscitating it in the eighteenth century. She highlights what was different or even odd about the Polish concepts, as well as how they dovetailed into the broader European tradition stretching back to antiquity. This book broadens the European perspective of scholarship on the Republican tradition and presents the fascinating political thought of the 'Republic of the Two Nations'.
