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Sommario/riassunto	William Shakespeare's work and life have proved endlessly fascinating to generations of readers. However, it can be difficult to find a way through the mass of differing interpretations of his work and speculation about his life. This book offers a reassessment of Shakespeare and his creative output from his earliest work through his 'mature' drama and the late plays, taking into account our current knowledge of Shakespeare's biography and consensus on key textual, critical and theatrical issues. William Baker offers a comprehensive but accessible introduction to Shakespeare's work and places