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Sommario/riassunto	American Plagues relates stories of epidemics of our past-smallpox, yellow fever, malaria, polio-offering lessons that help us better understand health problems of today like HIV/AIDS, heart disease and Ebola. Readers learn about these past plagues, those who helped conquer them, and how they shed light on health information of today.