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Sommario/riassunto	Cormac McCarthy is renowned as the author of popular and acclaimed novels such as Blood Meridian, All the Pretty Horses, and The Road. Throughout his career, however, McCarthy has also invested deeply in writing for film and theater, an engagement with other forms of storytelling that is often overlooked. He is the author of five screenplays and two plays, and he has been significantly involved with three of the seven film adaptations of his work. In this book, Stacey Peebles offers the first extensive overview of this relatively unknown aspect of McCarthy's writing life, including the ways in which other artists have interpreted his work for the stage and screen. Drawing on many primary sources in McCarthy's recently opened archive, as well as

interviews, Peebles covers the 1977 televised film *The Gardener's Son*; McCarthy's unpublished screenplays from the 1980s that became the foundation for his Border Trilogy novels and *No Country for Old Men*; various successful and unsuccessful productions of his two plays; and all seven film adaptations of his work, including John Hillcoat's *The Road* (2009) and the Coen brothers' Oscar-winning *No Country for Old Men* (2007). Emerging from this narrative is the central importance of tragedy—the rich and varied portrayals of violence and suffering and the human responses to them—in all of McCarthy's work, but especially his writing for theater and film.

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