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## Sommario/riassunto

All teachers recognize how crucial the acquisition of good reading skills is. This book will help teachers understand how pupils learn and help them to meet those pupils' different needs through appropriate intervention. The book includes: clear explanations of different learning difficulties; guidelines on types of assessment; advice on how to select the best type of intervention and support.