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Sommario/riassunto	The Risla of al-Shfi (d. 204/820), the earliest preserved work of Islamic legal theory, has been understood in previous scholarship as either the elaboration of a hierarchy of sources of law (Qurn, Sunna, consensus, and analogical reasoning) or an extended defense of the Sunna. Through a careful rereading of this celebrated text, this book offers a comprehensive reinterpretation of the Risla , in which Shfi formulated an all-encompassing hermeneutic that portrays the law as a tightly interlocking structure organized around defined interactions of the Qurn and the Sunna. Topics covered include Shfi's creative account of the law's architectonics, hermeneutical techniques, legal epistemology, relationship to kalm , and the role of consensus (ijm).