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Sommario/riassunto	Brown's focus on the legendary mines at Potosi and comparison of its operations to those of other mines in Latin America is a well-written and accessible study that is the first to span the colonial era to the present.