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Sommario/riassunto	Trudeau, the most intellectual of Canadian prime ministers, turned to Cook, an illustrious historian and a speech-writer during the 1968 election campaign, for his trusted views. Cook's revealing memoir also traces how public affairs and the central political themes of Trudeau's reign – nationalism, federalism, and constitutional reform – continued to drive their relationship after Trudeau's resignation in 1984.