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## Sommario/riassunto

Rebuilding Lives after Domestic Violence examines in-depth the longterm outcomes for women who have suffered domestic violence and abuse, based on interviews conducted over seven years. Through these interviews the author reveals the factors which help or hinder a successful transition from abusive relationship to independent living.