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Sommario/riassunto	In Australia, 'country girl' names a field of experiences and life-stories by girls and women who have grown up outside of the demographically dominant urban centres. It also names a set of ideas about Australia that is surprisingly consistent across the long twentieth century despite

also working as an index of changing times. This book offers a fresh perspective on this history and a new focus on the ever-changing experience of Australian rural life. It argues that the country girl has not only been a long-standing counterpart to the Australian bush man she has, more importantly, figured as

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