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| Sommario/riassunto | Too often, anthropological accounts of ritual leave readers with the impression that everything goes smoothly, that rituals are ""meaningful events."" But what happens when rituals fail, or when they seem ""meaningless""? Drawing on research in the anthropology of Christianity from around the globe, the authors in this volume suggest that in order to analyze meaning productively, we need to consider its |

limits. This collection is a welcome new addition to the anthropology of religion, offering fresh debates on a classic topic and drawing attention to meaning in a way that other volumes have
