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Sommario/riassunto	The factionalism and denominationalism of modern Jewry makes it supremely difficult to create a definition of the Jewish people. Instead of serving as a uniting force around which community is formed, Judaism has itself become a source of divisions. Consequently, attempts to identify beliefs or practices essential for membership in the Jewish people are almost doomed to failure. Aiming to take readers beyond the divisions that characterize modern Jewry, this book explores the ever contentious question of ""who is a Jew." Through a historical survey of the shifting boundaries of Jewish identity