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Sommario/riassunto

Contemporary Funeral Rituals takes you inside the fascinating world of the Sa'dan Toraja, who inhabit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. The author explores first-hand the most important contemporary Toraja ritual - the funeral - and documents and analyses the changes brought about by the Toraja leaving their autochthonous religion Aluk Todolo behind and embracing Christianity during the last century.
