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Sommario/riassunto	This study focuses on texts exploring human proclivity to violent behaviour. Building on the anthropological insights of Rene Girard, and on the premise that literature is a reflection of a cultural moment, Curyo-Klag shows how early modernism registers symptoms of crisis

which even the outbreak of World War I failed to resolve. Arranged in chronological order, the works of Conrad, Lewis and Lawrence reveal an unfolding pattern and form a triptych, indicative of the growing intensity of the epoch in which they were produced.
