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Sommario/riassunto	This text for students of politics and public policy, and for learning on the job by new policy analysts, provides a practical introduction grounded in the author's experience of working in public policy. In four concise chapters, Part I steps through doing policy analysis in practice: from clear commissioning and project planning, to doing analysis through collective thinking, to telling a compelling policy story, to peer review and quality assurance. The six chapters in Part II are a resource for reflective practice, introducing theory to address questions policy analysts confront in the course of their work. What is the purpose of politics and public policy? How do I know I am making a difference? How do I tackle working with stakeholders with different, competing, or

conflicting interests? How might I navigate conflicting claims relating to identity and culture? And how can I balance responsiveness to current demands with responsibility to future generations? Every chapter closes with suggestions for group exercises and questions for individual reflection. “This is a splendid book that brings the author’s practical experience and exceptionally broad and deep scholarly knowledge (and wisdom) to the topic. It is beautifully written, presenting complex ideas clearly without oversimplifying them.” —Prof. Karen Baehler, School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington D.C.

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