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Sommario/riassunto	A multi-country research initiative to understand poverty from the eyes of the poor, the "Voices of the Poor" project was undertaken to inform the World Bank's activities and the upcoming "World Development Report 2000/01." The research findings are being published in three books: This title pulls together field work conducted in 1999 in 23 countries. "Voices of the Poor" marks an exercise in many developing countries and transition economies around the world. It provides a unique and detailed picture of the life of the poor and explains the constraints poor people face to escape from poverty in a way that more traditional survey techniques do not capture well. Each of the three volumes demonstrates the importance of voice and power in poor people's definition of poverty. "Voices of the Poor" concludes that we need to expand our conventional views of poverty which focus on income expenditure, education, and health to include measures of voice and empowerment.