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Sommario/riassunto	The book provides a historical overview of adult literacy theory, policy, practice, and research from the mid-1980's to the present. The main

focus is a descriptive analysis of three distinctive schools of literacy: the Freirean-based participatory literacy movement grounded in oppositional politics and grass-roots community activism; the British-based New Literacy Studies that focuses on the ways in which diverse students utilize various literacy practices in their daily lives; and the U. S. federal government's focus on functional literacy linked to a 45-year policy emphasis on workforce readi
