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Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- 1. The Problem -- 2. Genealogy -- 3. The State of Nature: A Rough Guide -- 4. Truth, Assertion, and Belief -- 5. Sincerity: Lying and Other Styles of Deceit -- 6. Accuracy: A Sense of Reality -- 7. What Was Wrong with Minos? -- 8. From Sincerity to Authenticity -- 9. Truthfulness, Liberalism, and Critique -- 10. Making Sense -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Acknowledgements -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	What does it mean to be truthful? What role does truth play in our lives? What do we lose if we reject truthfulness? No philosopher is better suited to answer these questions than Bernard Williams. Writing with his characteristic combination of passion and elegant simplicity, he explores the value of truth and finds it to be both less and more than we might imagine. Modern culture exhibits two attitudes toward truth: suspicion of being deceived (no one wants to be fooled) and skepticism that objective truth exists at all (no one wants to be naive). This tension between a demand for truthfulness and the doubt that there is any truth to be found is not an abstract paradox. It has political consequences and signals a danger that our intellectual activities, particularly in the humanities, may tear themselves to pieces. Williams's approach, in the tradition of Nietzsche's genealogy, blends philosophy,

history, and a fictional account of how the human concern with truth might have arisen. Without denying that we should worry about the contingency of much that we take for granted, he defends truth as an intellectual objective and a cultural value. He identifies two basic virtues of truth, Accuracy and Sincerity, the first of which aims at finding out the truth and the second at telling it. He describes different psychological and social forms that these virtues have taken and asks what ideas can make best sense of them today. Truth and Truthfulness presents a powerful challenge to the fashionable belief that truth has no value, but equally to the traditional faith that its value guarantees itself. Bernard Williams shows us that when we lose a sense of the value of truth, we lose a lot both politically and personally, and may well lose everything.

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Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (295 p.)
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Sommario/riassunto	An anthology of Jewish diaspora nationalist thought across the ideological spectrum