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Sommario/riassunto	A thoughtful text integrating strengths, assets, and capacity-building themes with contemporary issues in rural social work practice. Now in its second edition, <i>Rural Social Work</i> is a collection of contributed readings from social work scholars, students, and practitioners presenting a framework for resource building based on the strengths, assets, and capacities of people, a tool essential for working with rural communities. This guide considers methods for social workers to participate in the work of sustaining rural communities. Each chapter features a reading integrating the themes of capacity-building and rural social work; discussion questions that facilitate critical thinking around the chapter; and suggested activities and assignments. <i>Rural Social Work, Second Edition</i> explores: * Important practice issues in rural communities, including the challenges of working with stigmatized populations such as gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people, the homeless, and people living with HIV/AIDS * Practice models that hold special promise for rural social workers,

including evidence-based practice and community partnership models

\* Newer research tools such as asset mapping, social network analysis, concept mapping, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Exploring how social workers can integrate the tremendous resources that exist in rural communities into their practice, *Rural Social Work, Second Edition* provides a solid introduction to the complex, challenging, and rewarding work of building and sustaining rural communities.

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