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Sommario/riassunto	Functional linguistics is concerned with the function of language and considers it an essence of human language. Views like this is not particularly new, but rather traditional in the history of linguistics. But today functional linguistics is constituted by a wide range of theoretical and methodological concerns. What unifies them as functional is the concern with discourse. This is quite natural since language can only function in discourse, not as isolated sentences. This collection of papers reflects some of the major approaches and methodologies in contemporary functional linguistics

