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Sommario/riassunto	Established in 1824, the United States Indian Service, now known as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was the agency responsible for carrying out U. S. treaty and trust obligations to American Indians, but it also sought to ""civilize"" and assimilate them. In Federal Fathers and Mothers, Cathleen Cahill offers the first in-depth social history of the agency

during the height of its assimilation efforts in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Making extensive and original use of federal personnel files and other archival materials, Cahill examines how assimilation practi
