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Sommario/riassunto	This book dives deep into the intricate realm of prison workers' self-legitimacy within Slovenia's non-Western prison system. It uncovers how their perceptions of authority significantly influence their interactions with prisoners, especially regarding different approaches to treatment of prisoners, including the use of force. Unlike traditional Western models, this study adapts to the unique challenges present in Slovenian prisons, offering fresh insights and approaches. Through a longitudinal study comparing data from 2016 to 2022, the book illuminates the evolving nature of self-legitimacy among prison workers, shedding light on the impact of changing social contexts. It provides a bridge between theoretical understanding and practical application, contributing valuable knowledge to the fields of criminology and penology. The chapters that follow include

comprehensive discussions on theoretical frameworks, methodological intricacies, and the practical implications of these findings for Slovenia's penal system. Ultimately, this book serves as an indispensable resource for those interested in understanding and improving the dynamics of authority and legitimacy within correctional environments.
