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Sommario/riassunto	In this book, avian ecologist and former PBS Birdwatch host Richard Hutto challenges conventional wisdom by revealing the hidden beauty and ecological importance of severely burned forests. Drawing on extensive field research and compelling storytelling, Hutto uncovers one of nature's best-kept secrets: numerous species—including the black-backed woodpecker and the morel mushroom—thrive in

conditions created only by intense wildfires. These and many other fire-dependent organisms have evolved to flourish in charred landscapes, a fact often overlooked by birdwatchers, land managers, and even fire researchers. Blending science, fieldwork, and reflections from a lifelong career, this book has the potential to transform how we perceive forest fires. It offers a fresh perspective on fire's role in maintaining biodiversity and invites readers to consider how revised land management practices could benefit both industry and the environment. Written in an engaging and accessible style, this book is ideal for birdwatchers, nature enthusiasts, fire managers, and anyone curious about the true role of fire in our ecosystems.
