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### Sommario/riassunto

'Who Saved Antarctica? tackles a celebrated episode in Antarctic diplomatic history, one that has generated legends and heroes. Andrew Jackson journeys beneath the familiar narrative to reveal a much more complex, nuanced and believable reality, building a bedrock of analysis that will strengthen present and future work in the Antarctic Treaty System. He writes as both scholar and practitioner, a wise and discerning participant-observer of processes and protocols he knows intimately. The result is a powerful piece of storytelling as well as a brilliant work of scholarship.' --Tom Griffiths, Emeritus Professor of History, Australian National University, Australia This book provides a diplomatic history of a turning point in Antarctic governance: the 1991 adoption of comprehensive environmental protection obligations for an entire continent, which prohibited mining. Solving the mining issue became a symbol of finding diplomatic consensus. The book combines historiographic concepts of contingency, conjuncture and accidental events with theories of structural, entrepreneurial and intellectual leadership. Drawing on archival documents, it shows that Antarctic governance is more adaptive than some imagine, and policy success depends on the interplay of normative practices, serendipitous events, public engagement and influential players able to exploit those circumstances. Ultimately, the events revealed in this book show that the protection of the Antarctic Treaty itself remains as important as protecting the Antarctic environment. Andrew Jackson is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, Tasmania.