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Sommario/riassunto	In the late 1800's and early 1900's, colonial powers clashed over much of Central and East Asia: Great Britain and Germany fought over New

Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, Fiji, and Samoa; France and Great Britain competed over control of continental Southwest Asia; and the United States annexed the Philippines and Hawaii. Meanwhile, the possible disintegration of China and Japan's growing nationalism added new dimensions to the rivalries. Surveying these and other international developments in the Pacific basin during the three decades preceding World War I, Kees van Dijk traces the emergence of superpowers during the colonial race and analyzes their conduct as they struggled for territory. Extensive in scope, *Pacific Strife* is a fascinating look at a volatile moment in history.
