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Sommario/riassunto	Silk is increasingly being used as a biomaterial for tissue engineering applications, as well as sutures, due to its unique mechanical and chemical properties. Silk Biomaterials for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine will discuss the properties of silk which make it useful for medical purposes and its applications in this area. Part one will provide an introduction to silk biomaterials, discussing the fundamentals of silk biomaterials, how they are processed and considering different types of silk biomaterials. Part two will focus on the properties and behaviour of s