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| Sommario/riassunto | "What are you waiting for?" "Stop wasting your time!" "You will die alone." These are some of the questions and warnings that single women hear on an everyday basis. Single women are constantly being asked whether they are still single or will married next or soon. "Still", "ever-after", "waste of time"; all these form part of the rich language of time. This book argues that time plays a crucial rule in the discursive formation of female singlehood and that our common understanding of singlehood is dominated by underlying temporal models, premises and concepts. By adopting an interdisciplinary approach and integrating different theoretical realms and perspectives, this book paves way for a new theorization of singlehood and time. |