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Sommario/riassunto	This book explores the paradoxical narrative surrounding Africa's historical and cultural contributions to humanity, which have often been marginalized or distorted to justify colonialism and enslavement.

It delves into Africa's rich heritage of endogenous governance systems, examining their historical roots, philosophical foundations, and contemporary relevance. Drawing on rigorous field research, it highlights examples from ancient African civilizations, such as the Oromo Gadaa system, the Manden Charter, and the Issa Xeer, as well as governance practices in the African diaspora, including Maroon communities in Suriname and African traditions in Brazil. The book aims to reclaim and reimagine these indigenous systems as tools for innovation and self-determination in a rapidly changing world. Intended for scholars, policymakers, and those interested in African history and governance, it offers a profound analysis of how Africa's legacy can inspire contemporary governance practices globally.
