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Sommario/riassunto	This book, authored by James Weaver, explores the Sha sect in the context of Iraqi heresiography, focusing on the structure and transmission of material up to the works of al-Ashar (d. 324/935). The study examines historical sources, methodologies, and terminologies used in Islamic sectarian literature, particularly firq and maqlt books. It provides a detailed analysis of the portrayal and classification of the Sha within the broader divisions of the Muslim community, emphasizing textual parallels, sources, and the historical development of heresiographical traditions. Aimed at scholars and students of Islamic studies, the work builds on the author's Cambridge PhD thesis and contributes to the understanding of sectarianism and intellectual history in early Islam.