1. Record Nr. UNINA9910136070803321 Autore Bellecourt Clyde H (Clyde Howard), <1936-> Titolo Thunder before the Storm: the autobiography of Clyde Bellecourt // as told to Jon Lurie [[electronic resource]] Saint Paul, MN, : Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9781681340203 (electronic book) Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (321 pages.): illustrations Soggetti Indians of North America - Government relations - 1934-Oglala Indians Ojibwa Indians Indians of North America - Politics and government Wounded Knee (S.D.) History Indian occupation, 1973 Personal narratives Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Prologue: the damn truth -- My mother's limp -- The drum within the Nota di contenuto walls -- Confrontation politics -- Peggy sue -- The Indian in white America -- Occupations -- Spiritual rebirth -- The damn hard work --The trail of broken treaties -- Cedar Pass -- Fools crow -- Wounded Knee -- Speaking to the world -- The thunder before the storm -- Aim for sovereignty -- America on trial -- The damn hard work II -- Almost ruined me -- The longest walk -- Hardest thing I ever had to do --Splintered arrow -- The coffee conspiracy -- No honor in racism --Neegonnwayweedun. Sommario/riassunto The American Indian Movement burst onto the scene in the late 1960s as indigenous people across the country began to demand what is rightfully theirs. Clyde Bellecourt, whose Ojibwe name translates as "The Thunder before the Storm," is one of its cofounders and iconic leaders. This powerful autobiography provides an intimate narrative of his childhood on the White Earth Reservation, his long journey through the prison system, and his embodiment of "confrontation politics" in waging war against entrenched racism. Bellecourt is up-front and

unapologetic when discussing his battles with drug addiction, his

clashes with other AIM leaders, his experiences on the Trail of Broken Treaties and at Wounded Knee, and the cases of Leonard Peltier and murdered AIM activist Anna Mae Aquash. This gritty, as-told-to memoir also uncovers the humanity behind Bellecourt's militant image, revealing a sensitive spirit whose wounds motivated him to confront injustice and to help others gain a sense of pride by knowing their culture. The Thunder before the Storm offers an invaluable inside look at the birth of a national movement—the big personalities, the creativity, and the perseverance that were necessary to alter the course of Native and American history.--