Record Nr. UNINA9910140252503321 Autore Rawson David Titolo Fuckhead / / David Rawson Pubbl/distr/stampa Brooklyn, NY,: punctum books, 2013 Brooklyn NY:,: punctum books,, 2013 ©2013 **ISBN** 9780615883410 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (64 pages): illustrations; PDF, digital file(s) Soggetti People with disabilities People with disabilities in motion pictures Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Sommario/riassunto What is a fuckhead? David Rawson's Fuckhead is a surreal exploration of the literature, film, nature and expectations of disability, and of fuckheads in literature and film. Part lyric essay, part fictional memoir, Rawson's work tells the story of an unnamed narrator whose familial relationships are defined by his VATER syndrome. Abused by his mother and stripped of a voice by his brother's need to be Tom Cruise via Rain Man, he sets out into a universe of literary tropes. I have always been of the mind that the novelist is allowed access to all

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faced by persons with disabilities, all the while creating a new family with his unlikely gathering of "fuckheads."