1. Record Nr. UNINA9910149396003321 Autore Wright Camron Titolo The Rent Collector Pubbl/distr/stampa Shadow Mountain **ISBN** 1-60907-277-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 p.) : ill Disciplina 813/.6 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the Sommario/riassunto largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not really working. Just when things seem most bleak, Sang Ly learns a secret about the hated, ill-tempered woman, the "the rent collector"-she can read Reluctantly she agrees to teach Sang Ly and does so with the same harshness she applied to her collection duties until they both learn how literacy has the power to instill hope and transcend circumstance. Based on a true story, set in the abject poverty of Cambodia against the backdrop of political

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