Record Nr. UNINA9910154966703321 Autore Van Der Meer Carolyne A. <1968-, > Titolo Motherlode [[electronic resource]]: A Mosaic of Dutch Wartime Experience / / Carolyne Van Der Meer Pubbl/distr/stampa Waterloo, Ontario: .: Wilfred Laurier University Press, . 2014 Beaconsfield, Quebec:,: Canadian Electronic Library,, 2014 **ISBN** 1-77112-007-X 1-77112-006-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (110 p.) Collana Life writing Disciplina 940.5337 World War, 1939-1945 Soggetti Electronic books. Netherlands History German occupation, 1940-1945 Literary collections Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Finding the motherlode -- The children -- The survivors -- The Nota di contenuto fighters -- Afterword: The complexity of belonging -- Glossary of Dutch terms. Sommario/riassunto Motherlode: A Mosaic of Dutch Wartime Experience is Carolyne Van Der Meer's creative reinterpretation through short stories, poems, and essays of the experiences of her mother and other individuals who either spent their childhoods in Nazi-occupied Holland or were deeply affected by wartime in Holland. The book documents the author's personal journey as she uncovers her mother's past through their correspondence and discussion and through research in the Netherlands. Motherlode also considers mother-daughter relationships and the effect of wartime on motherhood. Motherlode is not about recording precise historical data; rather, it attempts to recover and interpret the complex emotions of the individuals growing up in

wartime. The book is based on interviews with the author's mother and other Dutch Canadians, interviews with and letters from Canadian Jewish war veterans, and information provided by individuals with direct or indirect experience of the Dutch Resistance. The creative

pieces explore onderduik (going into/being in hiding), life in an occupied country, the work of the Dutch Resistance, liberation, collective and individual cultural memory, and the way in which wartime childhoods shaped adulthood for these individuals.