Record Nr. UNINA9910253340303321 Autore Stoller Paul **Titolo** The Sorcerer's Burden: The Ethnographic Saga of a Global Family // by Paul Stoller Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2016 **ISBN** 3-319-31805-5 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XI, 209 p.) Collana Palgrave Studies in Literary Anthropology Disciplina 306 Soggetti Ethnology Fiction Sociocultural Anthropology Ethnography Fiction Literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Part One: Paris, 2000 -- Part Two: Tillaberi, Niger 2000-2001 -- Part Three: Niger/Paris 2001 -- Epilogue. . This book emerges from the author's 35 years of research and thought Sommario/riassunto about the Songhay people of Niger. This ethnographic novel follows the life of Omar Dia, the oldest son of a West African sorcerer. When his father falls ill and dies, the great sorcerer vomits a small metal chain onto his chest. Following the path of his ancestors, Omar swallows the chain, becoming his father's successor, which means that he takes on

the sorcerer's burden. The book also describes how custodians of traditional knowledge are creatively adapting to the forces of globalization—all in a highly accessible narrative text. .