1. Record Nr. UNINA9910265946203321 Autore Tham Soso <1873-1940, > **Titolo** Tales of darkness and light: Soso Tham's The old days of the Khasis // Soso Tham; translated by Janet Hujon Pubbl/distr/stampa Open Book Publishers, 2018 Cambridge, England:,: Open Book Publishers,, 2018 **ISBN** 979-1-03-651660-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 93 pages) Collana World oral literature series Disciplina 306.45 Light and darkness Soggetti Khasi (Indic people) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Sommario/riassunto Soso Tham (1873-1940), the acknowledged poet laureate of the Khasis of northeastern India, was one of the first writers to give written poetic form to the rich oral tradition of his people. Poet of landscape, myth and memory, Soso Tham paid rich and poignant tribute to his tribe in his masterpiece The Old Days of the Khasis. Janet Hujon's vibrant new translation presents the English reader with Tham's long poem, which keeps a rich cultural tradition of the Khasi people alive through its retelling of old narratives and acts as a cultural signpost for their literary identity. This book is essential reading for anyone with an interest in Indian literature and culture and in the interplay between

oral traditions and written literary forms.