Record Nr. UNINA9910370041003321 Autore **Dunlap Alexander** Titolo The Violent Technologies of Extraction: Political ecology, critical agrarian studies and the capitalist worldeater / / by Alexander Dunlap, Jostein Jakobsen Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pivot, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2020 **ISBN** 9783030268527 3030268527 Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiii, 164 pages): illustrations Palgrave pivot Collana Disciplina 333.8 338.2 Soggetti **Ecology** Environmental sciences - Social aspects Physical geography Anthropology **Environmental Sciences Environmental Social Sciences** Physical Geography Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction-Consuming Everything: Capitalism and the Imperative of Total Extractivism -- Chapter 2: The Spirit and Metaphysical Form of Capitalism: Devils, Worms, Octopuses and Worldeater(s) -- Chapter 3: Studying the Worldeater(s): Political Ecology and Critical Agrarian Studies and their Origins, Differences and Convergence -- Chapter 4: Claws & Teeth: The Militarization of Nature -- Chapter 5: The Worldeater(s) in Process: Uncovering the Nexus of Conventional and 'Green' Extraction -- Chapter 6: Conclusion-Out of the Entrails: Reflections on Human Power. Sommario/riassunto "A powerful provocation and challenge to our ways of thinking about extractivism, industrialism and so-called 'progress' - refreshing, depressing and inspiring. Highly recommendable." Andrea Brock,

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