1. Record Nr. UNINA9910420927103321 Autore Gilead Amihud Titolo A Rose Armed with Thorns: Spinoza's Philosophy Under a Novel Lens / / by Amihud Gilead Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2020 **ISBN** 3-030-54810-4 Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xxiii, 320 pages) Collana International Archives of the History of Ideas Archives internationales d'histoire des idées, , 2215-0307 ; ; 232 Disciplina 199.492 Soggetti Philosophy - History Intellectual life - History History of Philosophy Intellectual History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto 1. Substance as the Systematic Unity of the Necessary Plurality -- 2. The Status of Individual Things in Spinoza's Substance -- 3. The Truth Conditions and the Problem of the Attributes -- 4. The First Grade of Knowledge—Imaginatio -- 5. The Second Grade of Knowledge (Ratio) and its Limitations -- 6. The Supreme Grade of Knowledge -- 7. The Desired System as a Goal Laying the Horizon. Sommario/riassunto This book presents a systemic analysis of Spinoza's philosophy and challenges the traditional views. It deals with Spinoza's concepts of substance, truth conditions, attributes, and the first, second, and supreme grades of knowledge. Based upon an analysis of the relevant details in all of Spinoza's philosophical works, the book reveals many important points, including the following: Spinoza's system is not, nor is meant to be, a foundational-deductive system but was meant to be a coherent system of a network model. Spinoza's reality is not made in the image of a mathematical model. Imaginatio, the first grade of knowledge, and ratio, the second grade, are parts or properties of the supreme grade of knowledge, scientia intuitiva, which is their essence. Finite beings, especially humans, are necessary and eternal (unless they

are mistakenly perceived by imaginatio) whereas time, place, and death

are simply "entities of imagination." The salvation, happiness, and blessedness that Spinoza's Ethics offers us, are active and depend only upon us. Concluding a careful examination and interpretation, the book suggests additional novel viewpoints in interpreting Spinoza's philosophical psychology and political philosophy.