Record Nr. UNINA9910450171803321 Autore Davidson Larry Titolo Living outside mental illness [[electronic resource]]: qualitative studies of recovery in schizophrenia / / Larry Davidson; foreword by John S. New York,: New York University Press, 2003 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8147-8535-2 1-4175-6851-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (241 p.) Collana Qualitative studies in psychology Disciplina 616.89/82 Soggetti Phenomenology Qualitative research Schizophrenia Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Foreword -- Acknowledgments --Introduction -- 1. Is There an Outside to Mental Illness? -- 2. Eliciting Narratives -- 3. Understanding Narratives -- 4. Living Inside Schizophrenia -- 5. Living Outside Schizophrenia -- Conclusion --Epilogue -- Works Cited -- Index -- About the Author Sommario/riassunto Schizophrenia is widely considered the most severe and disabling of the mental illnesses. Yet recent research has demonstrated that many people afflicted with the disorder are able to recover to a significant degree. Living Outside Mental Illness demonstrates the importance of listening to what people diagnosed with schizophrenia themselves have to say about their struggle, and shows the dramatic effect this approach can have on clinical practice and social policy. It presents an in-depth investigation, based on a phenomenological perspective, of experiences of illness and recovery as illuminated by compelling firstperson descriptions. This volume forcefully makes the case for the utility of qualitative methods in improving our understanding of the

reasons for the success or failure of mental health services. The research has important clinical and policy implications, and will be of

key interest to those in psychology and the helping professions as well as to people in recovery and their families.