Record Nr. UNINA9910452248603321 Life without parole [[electronic resource]]: America's new death **Titolo** penalty? / / edited by Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., and Austin Sarat Pubbl/distr/stampa New York,: New York University Press, 2012 **ISBN** 0-8147-2399-3 0-8147-6249-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (345 p.) Collana Charles Hamilton Houston Institute series on race and justice Altri autori (Persone) OgletreeCharles J SaratAustin Disciplina 364.6/5 Soggetti Parole - United States Life imprisonment - United States Capital punishment - United States 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 pt. 1. Life without parole in context -- pt. 2. Prospects for reform. Sommario/riassunto "Is life without parole the perfect compromise to the death penalty? Or is it as ethically fraught as capital punishment? This comprehensive, interdisciplinary anthology treats life without parole as "the new death penalty." Editors Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. and Austin Sarat bring together original work by prominent scholars in an effort to better understand the growth of life without parole and its social, cultural, political, and legal meanings. What justifies the turn to life imprisonment? How should we understand the fact that this penalty is used disproportionately against racial minorities? What are the most promising avenues for limiting, reforming, or eliminating life without parole sentences in the United States? Contributors explore the structure of life without parole sentences and the impact they have on prisoners, where the penalty fits in modern theories of punishment,

and prospects for (as well as challenges to) reform"--