1. Record Nr. UNINA9910452570103321 Autore Chen Ken <1979-> Titolo Juvenilia [[electronic resource] /] / Ken Chen; foreword by Louise Gluck New Haven [Conn.], : Yale University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-300-16028-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (104 p.) Yale series of younger poets;; v. 104 Collana Altri autori (Persone) GlückLouise Disciplina 811/.6 Soggetti Maturation (Psychology) **Families** Youth 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. Nota di contenuto My father and my mother decide my future and how could we forget Wang Wei? -- At Taipei station, I saw this city undress! -- Essay on crying at night -- Echo -- The year-killer -- There are two types of trees in winter -- Anti-tantalus -- Dramatic monologue against the self -- Taipei novel -- Banal love songs -- The mansions of the moon --Yes, no, yes, the future, gone, happy, yes, no, yes, cut, you --Adversarial -- Bon voyage, our sweltering us! -- Long distance love can it work? -- "Love is like tautology in the same way like is like tautology" -- Heartbreak is a leak of self -- It is a city you see through water -- The city of habits -- In the city I drowned all night in the nothing search for you -- Evaporate -- The invisible memoir. Sommario/riassunto Ken Chen is the 2009 winner of the annual Yale Younger Poets competition. These poems of maturation chronicle the poet's relationship with his immigrant family and his unknowing attempt to recapture the unity of youth through comically doomed love affairs that evaporate before they start. Hungrily eclectic, the wry and emotionally piercing poems in this collection steal the forms of the shooting script, blues song, novel, memoir, essay, logical disputation, aphorism-even classical Chinese poetry in translation. But as contest judge Louise

Glück notes in her foreword, "The miracle of this book is the degree to which Ken Chen manages to be both exhilaratingly modern (anti-

catharsis, anti-epiphany) while at the same time never losing his attachment to voice, and the implicit claims of voice: these are poems of intense feeling. . . . Like only the best poets, Ken Chen makes with his voice a new category."