Record Nr. UNINA9910453158503321 Autore Chang Victoria M. <1970-> **Titolo** Circle [[electronic resource]]: poems / / by Victoria Chang Pubbl/distr/stampa Carbondale, : Crab Orchard Review, : Southern Illinois University Press, c2005 0-8093-8833-2 **ISBN** 1-299-05059-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (76 p.) Collana Crab Orchard series in poetry: open competition award Disciplina 811/.6 Soggetti Asian Americans Electronic books. China Poetry Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di contenuto pt. 1. On quitting -- pt. 2. Five-year plan -- pt. 3. Limits. Sommario/riassunto Taking its concept of concentricity from the eponymous Ralph Waldo Emerson essay, Circle, the first collection from Victoria Chang, adopts the shape as a trope for gender, family, and history. These lyrical, narrative, and hybrid poems trace the spiral trajectory of womanhood and growth and plot the progression of self as it ebbs away from and returns to its roots in an Asian American family and context. Locating human desire within the helixes of politics, society, and war, Chang skillfully draws arcs between T'ang Dynasty suicides and Alfred

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