1. Record Nr. UNINA9910453236203321 Autore Schaller Susan Titolo A man without words / / Susan Schaller; foreward by Oliver Sacks Pubbl/distr/stampa Berkeley:,: University of California Press,, [2012] ©2012 **ISBN** 0-520-95931-0 Edizione [Second edition, with new material.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (220 p.) Disciplina 220 Soggetti Deaf - United States Mexicans - United States Deaf - Means of communication 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 Frontmatter -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -- FOREWORD -- INTRODUCTION -- 1 CHAPTER -- 2 CHAPTER -- 3 CHAPTER -- 4 CHAPTER -- 5 CHAPTER -- 6 CHAPTER -- 7 CHAPTER -- 8 CHAPTER -- 9 CHAPTER --10 CHAPTER -- 11 CHAPTER -- 12 CHAPTER -- 13 CHAPTER -- 14 CHAPTER -- 15 CHAPTER -- 16 CHAPTER -- 17 CHAPTER -- 18 IL DEFONSO'S CHAPTER -- AFTERWORD -- BIBLIOGRAPHY -- ABOUTH THE **AUTHOR** Sommario/riassunto For more than a quarter of a century, Ildefonso, a Mexican Indian, lived in total isolation, set apart from the rest of the world. He wasn't a political prisoner or a social recluse, he was simply born deaf and had never been taught even the most basic language. Susan Schaller, then a twenty-four-year-old graduate student, encountered him in a class for the deaf where she had been sent as an interpreter and where he sat isolated, since he knew no sign language. She found him obviously intelligent and sharply observant but unable to communicate, and she felt compelled to bring him to a comprehension of words. The book vividly conveys the challenge, the frustrations, and the exhilaration of

opening the mind of a congenitally deaf person to the concept of language. This second edition includes a new chapter and afterword.