Record Nr. UNINA9910453448903321 Autore Joiner Thomas E Titolo The perversion of virtue: understanding murder-suicide / / Thomas Joiner Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Oxford University Press,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 0-19-933457-9 0-19-933456-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (266 p.) Disciplina 362.28 Suicide - United States Soggetti Homicide - United States Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Cover; The Perversion of Virtue; Copyright; Contents; Preface; Section 1 Introductory Material; 1 Murder-Suicide: Prevalence, Characteristics, and Initial Conceptualization; 2 Understanding Murder; 3 Understanding Suicide: 5 Understanding Virtue: Section 2 Understanding Murder-Suicide as a Perversion of Virtue; 5 A Perversion of Mercy: 6 A Perversion of Justice: 7 A Perversion of Duty: 8 A Perversion of Heroic Glory; 9 The Neighboring but Distinct Categories of Perverting Self-Control and Fate; Section 3 Implications and Conclusions; 10 Prevention, Clinical, and Other Real-World Applications 11 Conclusion: Human Nature and the Perversion of VirtueNotes; References: Index Sommario/riassunto Of the approximately 38,500 deaths by suicide in the U.S. annually, about two percent--between 750 and 800--are murder-suicides. The horror of murder-suicides looms large in the public consciousness-they are reported in the media with more frequency and far more sensationalism than most suicides, and yet we have little understanding of this grave form of violence. In The Perversion of Virtue, leading suicide researcher Thomas Joiner explores the nature of murder-

suicide and offers a unique new theory to explain this nearly

unexplainable act: that murder-suicides always involve the wrongheaded