Record Nr. UNINA9910453662603321 Autore Karp David Allen <1944-> **Titolo** The burden of sympathy [[electronic resource]]: how families cope with mental illness / / David A. Karp New York; ; Oxford, : Oxford University Press, 2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-19-028824-8 1-280-83768-3 9786610837687 0-19-802870-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (332 p.) Disciplina 362.20422 Soggetti Caregivers Mentally ill - Family relationships Mentally ill - Home care 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 (p. 265-302) and index. Nota di contenuto CONTENTS; ACKNOWLEDGMENTS; ONE: Illness and Obligation; TWO: Bearing Responsibility; THREE: Managing Emotions; FOUR: Family Ties; FIVE: The Four Cs; SIX: Surviving the System; SEVEN: Caring in Postmodern America; NOTES; REFERENCES; INDEX In this vivid and thoughtful study, David Karp chronicles the Sommario/riassunto experiences of the family members of the mentally ill, and how they draw ""boundaries of sympathy"" to avoid being engulfed by the dayto-day suffering of a loved one. Working from sixty extensive interviews, the author reveals striking similarities in the experiences of caregivers: the feelings of shame, fear, guilt and powerlessness in the

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system; and most of all, the difficulty negotiating an ""