Record Nr. UNINA9910453803403321 Autore McGlade Hannah Titolo Our greatest challenge [[electronic resource]]: Aboriginal children and human rights / / Hannah McGlade Canberra,: Aboriginal Studies Press, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-922059-11-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (303 p.) Disciplina 364.153 Soggetti **Aboriginal Australians** Child sexual abuse - Australia Children, Aboriginal Australian - Crimes against Children's rights - Australia 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. 230-275) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: facing the challenge Understanding colonisation and trauma Patriarchy, and women and children's oppression A decade of government reports and inquiries The criminal justice response to child sexual assault Close to home: Noongars taking a stand in the courts Looking forward: Aboriginal victims at the centre Knowing from the heart. Hannah McGlade's new book bravely addresses the complex and Sommario/riassunto

Hannah McGlade's new book bravely addresses the complex and fraught issue of Aboriginal child abuse. She argues that Aboriginal child sexual assault has been formed within the entrenched societal forces of racism, colonisation and patriarchy, yet cast in the Australian public domain as an Aboriginal 'problem', with controversial government responses critiqued as racist and paternalistic. McGlade highlights that non-Aboriginal society has yet to acknowledge the traumatic impacts of the sexual assault on Aboriginal children which was part and parcel of the European project of 'civilisation'. She provides detailed analysis of the legal systems response. While child sexual assault is a criminal offence, the Aboriginal experience of the law is tainted. Despite reforms to the law, the courtroom experience is based on revictimisation and trauma which prevents the fundamental principle of

equality before the law.McGlade believes that we should be guided by Indigenous human rights concepts and international Indigenous responses in addressing the problem. In doing so she believes that we can help to stem the harm to future generations.