Record Nr. UNINA9910455048903321 Autore Chisholm James S. **Titolo** Death, hope, and sex: steps to an evolutionary ecology of mind and morality / / James S. Chisholm [[electronic resource]] Cambridge:,: Cambridge University Press,, 1999 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-107-11437-3 **ISBN** 0-511-01139-3 1-280-42018-9 0-511-17343-1 0-511-15250-7 0-511-32754-4 0-511-60593-5 0-511-05434-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiv, 296 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Disciplina 155.7 Soggetti Genetic psychology Mind and body Nature and nurture Philosophy of mind Human reproduction - Social aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015). Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. [239]-275) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Cover; Half-title; Title; Copyright; Dedication; Contents; Preface; Acknowledgments; 1 Evolution and explanation; 2 Evolution and development; 3 The nature of value; 4 Representing value; 5 Sex and uncertainty; 6 The cost of continuing; References; Index By showing how and why human nature is what it is, evolutionary Sommario/riassunto theory can help us see better what we need to do to improve the human condition. Following evolutionary theory to its logical conclusion, Death, Hope and Sex uses life history theory and attachment theory to construct a model of human nature in which critical features are understood in terms of the development of alternative reproductive strategies contingent on environmental risk

and uncertainty. James Chisholm examines the implications of this model for perspectives on concerns associated with human reproduction, including teen pregnancy, and young male violence. He thus develops new approaches for thorny issues such as the nature-nurture and mind-body dichotomies. Bridging the gap between the social and biological sciences, this far-reaching volume will be a source of inspiration, debate and discussion for all those interested in the evolution of human nature and the potential for an evolutionary humanism.