1. Record Nr. UNINA9910455391603321 Autore Roberts Samuel <1973-> Titolo Infectious fear [[electronic resource]]: politics, disease, and the health effects of segregation / / Samuel Kelton Roberts Jr Chapel Hill,: University of North Carolina Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4696-0589-9 0-8078-9407-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (329 p.) Collana Studies in social medicine Disciplina 362.196/995 Tuberculosis - United States - History - 20th century Soggetti African Americans - Diseases - History - 20th century Urban health - United States - History - 20th century Segregation - Health aspects - United States - History - 20th century 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. 224-298) and index. Introduction: disease histories and race histories -- Toward a Nota di contenuto historical epidemiology of African American tuberculosis -- The rise of the city and the decline of the Negro: the historical idea of Black tuberculosis and the politics of color and class -- Urban underdevelopment, politics, and the landscape of health -- Establishing boundaries: politics, science, and stigma in the early antituberculosis movement -- Locating African Americans and finding the "lung block" -- The web of surveillance and the emerging politics of public health in Baltimore -- The road to Henryton and the ends of progressivism --Conclusion: unequal burdens: public health at the intersection of segregation and housing politics. For most of the first half of the twentieth century, tuberculosis ranked Sommario/riassunto among the top three causes of mortality among urban African Americans. Often afflicting an entire family or large segments of a neighborhood, the plague of TB was as mysterious as it was fatal. Samuel Kelton Roberts Jr. examines how individuals and institutions-black and white, public and private--responded to the challenges of tuberculosis in a segregated society. Reactionary white politicians and

health officials promoted ""racial hygiene"" and sought to control TB through Jim Crow quarantines, Roberts explains