Record Nr. UNINA9910457620103321 Autore Guthman Julie Titolo Weighing in [[electronic resource]]: obesity, food justice, and the limits of capitalism / / Julie Guthman Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-29182-7 9786613291820 0-520-94975-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (242 p.) Collana California studies in food and culture Disciplina 362.196/398 Obesity - Social aspects Soggetti Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Chapter 1. Nota di contenuto Introduction: What's the Problem? -- Chapter 2. How Do We Know Obesity Is a Problem? -- Chapter 3. Whose Problem Is Obesity? --Chapter 4. Does Your Neighborhood Make You Fat? -- Chapter 5. Does Eating (Too Much) Make You Fat? -- Chapter 6. Does Farm Policy Make You Fat? -- Chapter 7. Will Fresh, Local, Organic Food Make You Thin? -- Chapter 8. What's Capitalism Got to Do with It? -- Chapter 9. Conclusion: What's on the Menu? -- Notes -- References -- Index Sommario/riassunto Weighing In takes on the "obesity epidemic," challenging many widely held assumptions about its causes and consequences. Julie Guthman examines fatness and its relationship to health outcomes to ask if our efforts to prevent "obesity" are sensible, efficacious, or ethical. She also focuses the lens of obesity on the broader food system to understand why we produce cheap, over-processed food, as well as why we eat it. Guthman takes issue with the currently touted remedy to obesitypromoting food that is local, organic, and farm fresh. While such fare may be tastier and grown in more ecologically sustainable ways, this approach can also reinforce class and race inequalities and neglect other possible explanations for the rise in obesity, including

environmental toxins. Arguing that ours is a political economy of

bulimia-one that promotes consumption while also insisting upon thinness-Guthman offers a complex analysis of our entire economic system.