Record Nr. UNINA9910462184303321 Autore Arnold Carrie <1980-, > Titolo Decoding anorexia: how breakthroughs in science offer hope for eating disorders / / Carrie Arnold New York, N.Y.:,: Routledge,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-415-89866-8 1-283-71194-X 0-203-08817-4 1-136-20158-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 204 p.) Disciplina 616.85/262 Soggetti Anorexia nervosa Eating disorders - Psychological aspects Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction: Off the Couch and Into the Brain -- 1. From Starving Saints to Dieting Divas -- 2. Interoception and the Insula -- 3. Climbing the Family Tree -- 4. Anorexia's Poster Children -- 5. When Anorexia Brings Friends -- 6. Starvation Becomes Obsession -- 7. Adapted to Flee Famine -- 8. Gym Rats -- 9. Stepping Up to the (Dinner) Plate -- 10. Oops, I Did It Again... -- 11. Standing at the Buffet of Life Sommario/riassunto "Decoding Anorexia is the first and only book to explain anorexia nervosa from a biological point of view. Its clear, user-friendly descriptions of the genetics and neuroscience behind the disorder is paired with first person descriptions and personal narratives of what biological differences mean to sufferers. Author Carrie Arnold, a trained scientist, science writer, and past sufferer of anorexia, speaks with clinicians, researchers, parents, other family members, and sufferers about the factors that make one vulnerable to anorexia, the neurochemistry behind the call of starvation, and why it's so hard to leave anorexia behind. She also addresses: - How environment is still

important and influences behaviors - The characteristics of people at

high risk for developing anorexia nervosa - Why anorexics find starvation "rewarding" - Why denial is such a salient feature, and how sufferers can overcome it Carrie also includes interviews with key figures in the field that explains their work and how it contributes to our understanding of anorexia. Long thought to be a psychosocial disease of fickle teens, this book alters the way anorexia is understood and treated and gives patients, their doctors, and their family members hope"--