Record Nr. UNINA9910462442503321 Autore Risser James <1946-> Titolo The life of understanding [[electronic resource]]: a contemporary hermeneutics / / James Risser Bloomington, : Indiana University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-280-69653-2 9786613673497 0-253-00219-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (154 p.) Collana Studies in Continental thought Disciplina 121/.686 Soggetti Hermeneutics 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. Nota di contenuto Platonic gestures -- Memory and life: hermeneutics as convalescence -- Distressed memory: hermeneutics and the venture of the foreign --Beyond distress: toward a community of memory -- Fabric of life: dialectics, discourse, and the art of weaving -- Severed threads: the incapacity of language -- Reading beyond the letter: on memory and writing -- Flash of beauty. Sommario/riassunto In Gadamer's hermeneutics, interpretation is inseparable from the broader concern of making one's way in life. In this book, James Risser builds on this insight about the juxtaposition of human living and the act of understanding by tracing hermeneutics back to the basic experience of philosophy as defined by Plato. For Risser, Plato provides resources for new directions in hermeneutics and new possibilities for ""the life of understanding"" and ""the understanding of life."" Risser places Gadamer in dialogue with Plato, with the issue of memory as a

conceptual focus. He develops themes per