1. Record Nr. UNINA9910462833703321 Baggett Lawrence W. <1939-> Autore Titolo In the dark on the sunny side [[electronic resource]]: a memoir of an out-of-sight mathematician / / Larry Baggett [Washington, D.C.],: Mathematical Association, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-61444-513-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (0 p.) Collana Spectrum series 510.92 Disciplina Mathematicians - United States Soggetti Blind - United States Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. cover; copyright page; title page; Contents; Prologue; Uncle Al's Truss Nota di contenuto : A Quantum Moment : Louis and the Problem of Sixty-Three: Sidebar: Counting Dominoes; A Cane Mutiny; Sidebar: Steps for Caning Chairs; Pinocchio Becomes a Real Boy; Aunt Mildred and the Circle of Fifths; Sidebar: The Comma of Pythagoras; Scarlet Ribbons; Dauntless Courage; Sidebar: Definition of the Limit of a Sequence; The Age of Enlightenment; Sidebar: Mathematical Induction; Baggett v. Bullitt, and All That Jazz; Sidebar: Designing Chords; Sidebar: More from Pythagoras: Publish or Perish. My Best Work The Renaissance``So How'd That All Work Out for You?"; Author's Notes: Acknowledgments: Index Sommario/riassunto Misfortune struck one June day in 1944, when a five-year-old boy was forever blinded following an accident he suffered with a paring knife. Few people become internationally recognized research mathematicians and famously successful university professors of that erudite subject, and not surprisingly a minuscule number of those few are visually impaired. In the Dark on the Sunny Side tells the story of one such individual. Larry Baggett was main-streamed in school long before main-streaming was at all common. On almost every occasion he was the first blind person involved in whatever was going on - the first blind student enrolled in the Orlando Public School System, the first

blind student admitted to Davidson College, and the first blind doctoral

student in mathematics at the University of Washington. Besides describing the various successes and failures Baggett experienced living in the dark on the sunny side, he displays in this volume his love of math and music by interspersing short musings on both topics, such as discussing how to figure out how many dominoes are in a set, the intricacies of jazz chord progressions, and the mysterious Comma of Pythagoras.