Record Nr. UNINA9910464142803321 Autore Taegio Bartolomeo <active 1550, > Titolo La villa / / Bartolomeo Taegio ; edited and translated by Thomas E. **Beck** Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, [2011] ©2011 **ISBN** 1-283-89639-7 0-8122-0380-1 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (310 p.) Collana Penn studies in landscape architecture Altri autori (Persone) TaegioBartolomeo <active 1550.> Disciplina 712.0945 Soggetti Landscape architecture - Italy Agriculture - Italy Country life - Italy Gardens - Italy - Design Country homes - Italy Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages [289]-294) and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Note on this Edition and Translation --Introduction -- La Villa -- Bibliography -- Index -- Acknowledgments Published in 1559 and appearing here for the first time in English, La Sommario/riassunto Villa is a rare source of Renaissance landscape theory. Written by Bartolomeo Taegio, a Milanese jurist and man of letters, after his banishment (possibly for murder, Thomas E. Beck speculates), the text takes the form of a dialogue between two gentlemen, one a proponent of the country, the other of the city. While it is not a gardening treatise, La Villa reflects an aesthetic appreciation of the land in the Renaissance, reveals the symbolic and metaphorical significance of sixteenth-century gardens for their owners, and articulates a specific philosophy about the interaction of nature and culture in the garden. This edition of the original Italian text and Beck's English translation is augmented with notes in which Beck identifies numerous references to literary sources in La Villa and more than 280 people and places

mentioned in the dialogue. The introduction illuminates Taegio's life

and intellectual activity, his obligations to his sources, the cultural context, and the place of La Villa in Renaissance villa literature. It also demonstrates the enduring relevance of La Villa for architecture and landscape architecture. La Villa makes a valuable contribution to the body of literature about place-making, precisely because it treats the villa as an idea and not as a building type.