1. Record Nr. UNINA9910480123303321 Autore Becker Robin <1951-> Titolo The Black Bear Inside Me [[electronic resource] /] / Robin Becker Pittsburgh, Pa.,: University of Pittsburgh Press, [2018] Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8229-8327-3 1 online resource (1 PDF (viii, 61 pages).) Descrizione fisica Collana Pitt poetry series Disciplina 811 Soggetti American poetry Poetry Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Poems. Sommario/riassunto Becker celebrates the interconnectedness of creatures and places-never losing sight that much will turn out precarious, illusory, provisional. These poems speak, in ardent voices, about our affinities: an articulate, black bear mourns habitat loss; a frail man and failing dog become one; a scientist and her African grey parrot research language acquisition for thirty years. Ecologies interlace, as when a troubled family "sacrifices one member,/ as plants surrender leaves in times of drought." Becker responds with rage and wit to corporate excess and intractable geo-politics. Love and friendship empower in wry narratives, though time "mows" down our days, though we may never escape "original cruelties." Tragedies permeating our enmeshed, global identities haunt the book: the massacre of gay youth in Orlando: the terrors facing Cambodian teenagers working fishing boats. Wise, capacious, by turns unsettling and joyous, The Black Bear Inside Me

incorporates histories and losses into a luminous present.