Record Nr. UNINA9910480937703321 Autore Talib Adam **Titolo** How do you say "epigram" in Arabic? : literary history at the limits of comparison / / by Adam Talib Leiden, Netherlands;; Boston, [Massachusetts]:,: Brill,, 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2018 **ISBN** 90-04-35053-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (337 pages) Brill Studies in Middle Eastern Literatures, , 1571-5183;; Volume 40 Collana Disciplina 892.780209 Epigrams, Arabic - History and criticism Soggetti Arabic poetry - 1258-1800 - History and criticism Arabic poetry - 19th century - History and criticism Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material -- Preamble: Growth and Graft -- 1 A Bounding Line -- 2 The Sum of its Parts -- Preliminary Remarks -- 3 Epigrams in the World -- 4 Hegemonic Presumptions and Atomic Fallout -- 5 Epigrams in Parallax -- Appendix -- Annotated Bibliography of Unpublished Sources -- Sources -- Index. Sommario/riassunto The gadah and the giah are well known to scholars of classical Arabic literature, but the maq, a form of poetry that emerged in the thirteenth century and soon became ubiquitous, is as obscure today as it was once popular. These poems circulated across the Arabo-Islamic world for some six centuries in speech, letters, inscriptions, and, above all, anthologies. Drawing on more than a hundred unpublished and published works, How Do You Say "Epigram" in Arabic? is the first study of this highly popular and adaptable genre of Arabic poetry. By addressing this lacuna, the book models an alternative comparative literature, one in which the history of Arabic poetry has as much to tell

us about epigrams as does Greek.