Record Nr. UNINA9910483488703321 Autore Ware Cheryl Titolo HIV Survivors in Sydney [[electronic resource]]: Memories of the Epidemic / / by Cheryl Ware Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2019 **ISBN** 9783030051013 9783030051020 3-030-05102-1 Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (255 pages) Collana Palgrave Studies in Oral History Disciplina 306.7662 Soggetti Oral history Islands of the Pacific—History Social history Gender identity Medicine—History **Oral History** Australasian History Social History Gender and Sexuality History of Medicine Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. 'Our Lives Are Going to Change' -- 2. The Gay Capital of the Nota di contenuto Southern Hemisphere -- 3. The Face of HIV -- 4. 'The Disease of a Thousand Rehearsals' -- 5. Living by the Code of the Condom -- 6. Patient Stories -- 7. The Heroes of the Epidemic -- 8. Coping with Death -- 9. Life as Lazarus, 1996 -- 10. Bearing Witness to the Epidemic -- 11. Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto Inner-city Sydney was the epicenter of gay life in the Southern hemisphere in the 1970s and early 1980s. Gay men moved from across

Australasia to find liberation in the city's vibrant community networks; and when HIV and AIDS devastated those networks, they grieved,

suffered, and survived in ways that have often been left out of the historical record. This book excavates the intimate lives and memories of HIV-positive gay men in Sydney, focusing on the critical years between 1982 and 1996, when HIV went from being a terrifying unidentified disease to a chronic condition that could be managed with antiretroviral medication. Using oral histories and archival research, Cheryl Ware offers a sensitive, moving exploration of how HIV-positive gay men navigated issues around disclosure, health, sex, grief, death, and survival. HIV Survivors in Sydney reveals how gay men dealt with the virus both within and outside of support networks, and how they remember these experiences nearly three decades later.