1. Record Nr. UNINA9910555213103321 Autore **Houliston Victor** Titolo Chapter Releasing the Prisoners of Hope: Dante's Purgatorio Breaks the Chains of the Born Frees Florence,: Firenze University Press, 2021 Pubbl/distr/stampa Descrizione fisica 1 electronic resource (13 p.) Collana Studi e saggi Inglese Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Experience that Generates Experience -- Noi leggiavamo un giorno per diletto -- Dante, Can I Lead You? South Arican Students Write Back --Dante's Journey Through Our Lives -- The South African Folle Volo --Releasing the Prisoners of Hope. Sommario/riassunto Beginning with a tribute to the late Chris 'Zithulele' Mann, a poet and activist who was deeply immersed in Dante, this chapter comments on some of the patterns that emerge from the creative contributions of the Dantessa students. Two authors affirm and explore ideas of black womanhood by appealing to Beatrice and Francesca, potentially combining the two figures. Several authors are acutely aware of the purgatorial condition of post-apartheid South Africa, suggesting a long and arduous march to freedom. The image of flight recurs: thrice, madly, into the inferno and once, temporarily, in limbo. These lively responses to La Commedia prompt the question: what kind of literary studies is proper to purgatory, and elicit a tentative reply, urging a reinvention of the discipline of letters.