Record Nr. UNINA9910573814103321 Autore Gasche Rodolphe Titolo Storytelling: the destruction of the inalienable in the age of the Holocaust / / Rodolphe Gasche Pubbl/distr/stampa State University of New York Press, 2018 Albany:,: SUNY Press,, [2018] ©2018 **ISBN** 1-4384-7147-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (162 pages) Collana SUNY series, literature ... in theory Disciplina 809/.93353 Soggetti Storytelling - Philosophy Storytelling in literature Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) - Influence Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Entanglement in stories (Wilhelm Schapp) -- Storytelling (Walter Benjamin) -- Surviving for others (Hannah Arendt). In Storytelling, Rodolphe Gasche reexamines the muteness of Holocaust Sommario/riassunto survivors, that is, their inability to tell their stories. This phenomenon has not been explained up to now without reducing the violence of the events to which survivors were subjected, on the one hand, and diminishing the specific harm that has been done to them as human beings, on the other. Distinguishing storytelling from testifying and providing information, Gasche asserts that the utter senselessness of the violence inflicted upon them is what inhibited survivors from making sense of their experience in the form of tellable stories. In a series of readings of major theories of storytelling by three thinkers -Wilhelm Schapp, whose work will be a welcome discovery to many

English-speaking audiences, Walter Benjamin, and Hannah Arendt - Gasche systematically assesses the consequences of the loss of the storyteling faculty, considered by some an inalienable possession of the

human, both for the victims' humanity and for philosophy.