Record Nr. UNINA9910753381003321 Autore Attala Luci Titolo How water makes us human: engagements with the materiality of water / / Luci Attala Cardiff:,: University of Wales Press,, 2019 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-78683-412-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (184 pages) Collana Materialities in Anthropology and Archaeology Disciplina 809.933553 Soggetti Water and civilization Water - Social aspects Water resources development Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Sommario/riassunto This book is about how water becomes people - or, put another way. how people and water flow together and shape each other. While the focus of the book is on the relationships held between water and people, it also has a broader message about human relationships with the environment generally - a message that illustrates not only that people are existentially entangled with the material world, but that the materials of the world shape, determine and enable humans to be 'humans' in the ways that they are. Offering a selection of anthropological examples from Kenya, Wales and Spain to illustrate how water's materiality coproductively generates the way people are able to engage with water, this book uses cross-disciplinary perspectives to provide and promote a new analytic - one that encourages ethical, holistic and sustainable relationships with the world around us. This approach challenges representations that ignore, sidestep or are blind to the fleshy materiality of being human, and aims

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