Record Nr. UNINA9910778450503321 Autore Kraut Richard <1944-> **Titolo** What is good and why [[electronic resource]]: the ethics of well-being // Richard Kraut Cambridge, MA,: Harvard University Press, 2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-674-02708-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (304 p.) CC 7200 Classificazione Disciplina 171/.3 Soggetti Good and evil Well-being Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Originally published: 2007. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 275-279) and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- ONE. In Search of Good -- TWO. Good, Conation, and Pleasure -- THREE. Prolegomenon to Flourishing -- FOUR. The Sovereignty of Good -- Works Cited --Index Sommario/riassunto What is good, how do we know, and how important is it? In this book, one of our most respected analytical philosophers reorients these questions around the notion of what causes human beings to flourish. Observing that we can sensibly address what is good for plants and animals no less than what is good for people. Kraut applies a general principle to the entire living world: what is good for complex organisms

consists in the exercise of their natural powers.