Record Nr. UNINA9910781012603321 Autore Nhat Hanh, Thich **Titolo** Thundering silence [[electronic resource]]: sutra on knowing the better way to catch a snake / / Thich Nhat Hanh Berkeley, Calif., : Parallax Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-935209-01-9 **ISBN** Edizione [2nd ed.] Descrizione fisica vi, 70 p Altri autori (Persone) LaityAnnabel Disciplina 294.3/823 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "Translated from the Vietnamese by Annabel Laity." Introduction -- Sutra on knowing the better way to catch a snake --Nota di contenuto Commentaries: the purpose of the sutra -- Circumstances under which the sutra was delivered -- The title -- Arittha's misunderstanding --Sense pleasures as disasters -- The danger of misunderstanding the teachings -- Catching a snake -- The raft is not the shore -- The finger pointing at the moon -- The pheasant -- Breaking the bonds --Thundering silence -- No-self -- Ditthi-nissaya (view-refuge) -- The way to practice the teachings of no-self -- The non-achieved and the non-expressed -- Impermanence -- Nirvana -- Tathagata -- Treating wrong understanding. Sommario/riassunto In Thundering Silence, Thich Nhat Hanh presents the early teachings of the Buddha on how to see reality clearly without becoming caught by notions and ideologies, however noble. These teachings illustrate how playfulness, openness, and non-attachment from views are essential elements for liberating us from our mental contructions so that we can enjoy our lives more fully. Nhat Hanh demonstrates the practicla applications of these teachings in everyday life. Near the end of his life, the Buddha declared, "during forty-five years, I have not said a word" to

encourage his students to avoid being caught by words or ideas." Thich

Nhat Hanh calls this "the thundering silence of a Buddha.".