Record Nr. UNINA9910785361003321 Autore Borrello Mark E **Titolo** Evolutionary restraints [[electronic resource]]: the contentious history of group selection / / Mark E. Borrello Chicago; ; London, : University of Chicago Press, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-89465-X 9786612894657 0-226-06702-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (227 p.) Disciplina 576.8/2 Group selection (Evolution) - History - 20th century Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction --Chapter One. Charles Darwin and Natural Selection -- Chapter Two. Social Insects, Superorganisms, and Mutual Aid -- Chapter Three. Vero Copner Wynne-Edwards -- Chapter Four. Theory Development --Chapter Five. Animal Dispersion -- Chapter Six. Critique of Wynne-Edwards -- Chapter Seven. The New Paradigm of the Gene -- Chapter Eight. The Death of Wynne-Edwards and the Life of an Idea -- Notes --Bibliography -- Index Much of the evolutionary debate since Darwin has focused on the level Sommario/riassunto at which natural selection occurs. Most biologists acknowledge multiple levels of selection-from the gene to the species. The debate about group selection, however, is the focus of Mark E. Borrello's Evolutionary Restraints. Tracing the history of biological attempts to determine whether selection leads to the evolution of fitter groups, Borrello takes as his focus the British naturalist V. C. Wynne-Edwards, who proposed that animals could regulate their own populations and thus