Record Nr. UNINA9910785595603321 Autore Reznek Lawrie Titolo Delusions and the madness of the masses [[electronic resource] /] / Lawrie Reznek Pubbl/distr/stampa Lanham, : Rowman & Littlefield, c2010 **ISBN** 9781442206052 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (255 p.) Disciplina 302/.17 Soggetti Crowds Collective behavior Hallucinations and illusions Social psychology 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 Contents: Acknowledgments: Introduction: Delusions about Delusions: Chapter 1. The Translation Paradox; Chapter 2. The Incorrigibility Paradox; Chapter 3. Is Everyone Mad?; Chapter 4. The Community Paradox; Chapter 5. Communal Madness: Religious and Secular; Chapter 6. The Rationality Paradox; Chapter 7. The Evolution of Error; Chapter 8. Delusions Are Dangerous; Conclusion: The Sleep of Reason; Notes: Bibliography; Index; About the Author Sommario/riassunto According to the author, there is an alarming inclination for people to succumb to delusional thinking. Contrary to popular opinion, such thought processes are not limited to the mentally ill. Instead, there is growing evidence to show that large segments of the public harbor a wide variety of delusions, none of which are innocent, and many of which are pushing our societies to the brink of war. This book aims to

understand the nature of delusions and how they are generated. By providing a deeper understanding of delusions, the author challenges

the assumption that a whole community cannot be