Record Nr. UNINA9910785964303321 Autore Westervelt Saundra Davis <1968-> Titolo Life after death row [[electronic resource]]: exonerees' search for community and identity / / Saundra D. Westervelt, Kimberly J. Cook New Brunswick, NJ,: Rutgers University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8135-5339-3 1-283-65743-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (300 p.) Collana Critical Issues in Crime and Society Altri autori (Persone) CookKimberly J. <1961-> Disciplina 364.660973 Soggetti Death row inmates - United States False imprisonment - United States Prisoners - Deinstitutionalization - United States Ex-convicts - United States - Psychology Ex-convicts - United States - Social conditions Ex-convicts - Services for - United States Judicial error - United States 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 -- Tables and Figures -- Preface -- Part One. Setting the Stage -- Part Two. Struggling with Life after Exoneration --Part Three. Coping with Innocence -- Part Four. Doing Justice --Epilogue -- Notes -- References -- Index -- About the Authors Life after Death Row examines the post-incarceration struggles of Sommario/riassunto individuals who have been wrongly convicted of capital crimes, sentenced to death, and subsequently exonerated. Saundra D. Westervelt and Kimberly J. Cook present eighteen exonerees' stories, focusing on three central areas: the invisibility of the innocent after release, the complicity of the justice system in that invisibility, and personal trauma management. Contrary to popular belief, exonerees are not automatically compensated by the state or provided adequate

assistance in the transition to post-prison life. With no time and little

support, many struggle to find homes, financial security, and community. They have limited or obsolete employment skills and difficulty managing such daily tasks as grocery shopping or banking.

They struggle to regain independence, self-sufficiency, and identity. Drawing upon research on trauma, recovery, coping, and stigma, the authors weave a nuanced fabric of grief, loss, resilience, hope, and meaning to provide the richest account to date of the struggles faced by people striving to reclaim their lives after years of wrongful incarceration.