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Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	"An eccentric collection of biographical anecdotes and fictional vignettes ... a meditation on mortality"--Inner fold of cover. Includes bibliographical references.
Nota di bibliografia	
Nota di contenuto	Cover; Title Page; Dedication; Table of Contents; Epigraph; BRIEF LIVES; AFTER THE PARTY; THE AGE; ALTITUDE SICKNESS; ANNE CARSON; ANTHONY; BIOGRAPHICAL FALLACIES; CALM; COLLECTOR; ON COMPOSITION; CREATION STORIES; DIONYSIAN; DISPOSABLE; DREAM LIFE; EVE'S DAUGHTER; THE FALLEN; FAMILY WISDOM; FIRE AND WATER; HARRY PARTCH; HILDEGARD OF BINGEN; HOROLOGIST; JESUS OF MONTPARNASSE; LOTT'S MOTHER; MAX; THE NEXT DAY; NOTEBOOK; OTHER DICTIONARIES; PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY; PETRARCH'S BONES; PRAYER WHEEL; REHABILITATION; THE SERPENT LECTURES; SINGAPORE; SPECIMEN JAR; THE UNHAPPINESS OF HOLIDAYS; [UNTITLED] VXYLOTHEQUE; ZOOPRAXISCOPE; VARIABLE STARS; VARIABLE STARS; Acknowledgements; Sources; Quotes; Copyright
Sommario/riassunto	Brief Lives is an eccentric collection of biographical anecdotes and fictional vignettes in which famous figures such as Goethe, Petrarch and Antonin Artaud rub shoulders with impecunious aristocrats, actors and art historians as well as a range of fictional characters caught amid the daily chaos of their lives. Here a dead man recounts his experiences as a Jesus impersonator. A wife reflects on the unhappiness of holidays. A doctor conducts altitude experiments on prisoners. Lott loses his mother's ashes in Amsterdam, and Nietzsche dances naked round a

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Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (ix, 226 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
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Soggetti	Character Virtue Normativity (Ethics)
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Note generali	Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015).
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Introduction: tripartite naturalistic ethics -- Identifying the hard core of virtue ethics -- Rearticulating the situationist challenge -- Attempts to defend virtue ethics -- Factitious moral virtue -- Expanding the situationist challenge to responsibilist virtue epistemology -- Expanding the situationist challenge to reliabilist virtue epistemology -- Factitious intellectual virtue -- To see as we are seen: a n investigation of social distance heuristics.
Sommario/riassunto	Everyone wants to be virtuous, but recent psychological investigations suggest that this may not be possible. Mark Alfano challenges this theory and asks, not whether character is empirically adequate, but

what characters human beings could have and develop. Although psychology suggests that most people do not have robust character traits such as courage, honesty and open-mindedness, Alfano argues that we have reason to attribute these virtues to people because such attributions function as self-fulfilling prophecies - children become more studious if they are told that they are hard-working and adults become more generous if they are told that they are generous. He argues that we should think of virtue and character as social constructs: there is no such thing as virtue without social reinforcement. His original and provocative book will interest a wide range of readers in contemporary ethics, epistemology, moral psychology and empirically informed philosophy.

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