Record Nr. UNINA9910786305603321 Speaking for animals: animal autobiographical writing / / edited by **Titolo** Margo DeMello ; illustrations by Jeff Hayes Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, N.Y.:,: Routledge,, 2013 **ISBN** 1-136-20066-5 0-203-08596-5 1-283-84253-X 1-136-20067-3 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (280 pages) Routledge advances in sociology;; 80 Collana Altri autori (Persone) DeMelloMargo HayesJeff Disciplina 809/.93362 Soggetti Animals in literature Animals - Social aspects 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 pt. 1. (Mis) representing animals: the limits and possibilities of representation -- pt. 2. Animals in human traditions -- pt. 3. Animal self, human self -- pt. 4. Interspecies communication and connection -- pt. 5. Speaking and knowing: accessing animal subjectivity -- pt. 6. The ethics and value of speaking for animals. For thousands of years, in the myths and folktales of people around the Sommario/riassunto world, animals have spoken in human tongues. Western and non-Western literary and folkloric traditions are filled with both speaking animals, some of whom even narrate or write their own autobiographies. Animals speak, famously, in children's stories and in cartoons and films, and today, social networking sites and blogs are both sites in which animals, primarily pets, write about their daily lives and interests. Speaking for Animals is a compilation of chapters written from a variety of disciplines that attempts to get a handle on this cross cultural and longstanding tradition of animal speaking and writing. It looks at speaking animals in literature, religious texts, poetry, social networking sites, comic books, and in animal welfare materials and even library catalogs, and addresses not just the "whys" of speaking

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