1. Record Nr. UNINA9910787446403321 Autore Woods Joanna Titolo From home and exile: a negotiation of ideas about home in Malawian poetry / / Joanna Woods Pubbl/distr/stampa Bamenda, Cameroon:,: Langaa Research & Publishing CIG,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 9956-792-30-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (237 p.) Disciplina 016.8208096897 Soggetti Malawi literature (English) - History and criticism Home in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Introduction -- Methods and multiple spaces of study -- Home, exile Nota di contenuto and the self: the negotiation of concepts -- The context: Malawi as place, its history and its people -- The poetry: an interpretation of a selection of poems by the named Malawian poets -- Conclusion: a reflection on research findings and spaces of study -- Appendix. This book is about home. With Malawi as its focus, it seeks to Sommario/riassunto understand ideas about home as expressed through poetry written by Malawians in English. Although African Literatures are studied those of Malawi have not received agreeable attention. This book surveys poetry by five Malawian writers - Felix Mnthali, Frank Chipasula, Jack Mapanje, Lupenga Mphande, and Steve Chimombo. The discussion negotiates scribed experience of exile, engendered by Dr. Banda's regime, and shows that the selected poets effectively converse with a sense of home, reflecting on its transformations in their work. Interrogating the strict definitions of home, the argument highlights that far from homeless exiles in fact clarify the sense of what 'home' is. The manoeuvre is one of thinking towards an unboundaried 'home'. This book will be of value not only to readers interested in the cultures of Africa but to all

those with an interest in worldwide literary phenomena, and ideas

therein of home and exile.