1. Record Nr. UNINA9910787946703321 Autore Martin Steve <1945-> Titolo Conversations with Steve Martin / / edited by Robert E. Kapsis Pubbl/distr/stampa Jackson, Mississippi:,: University Press of Mississippi,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 1-62674-063-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (345 pages) Collana **Literary Conversation Series** Classificazione BIO005000LCO002000LIT004020 Disciplina 813/.54 В Soggetti Authors, American - 20th century Musicians - United States - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Sommario/riassunto "Conversations with Steve Martin presents a collection of interviews and profiles that focus on Martin as a writer, artist, and original thinker over the course of more than four decades in show business. While those less familiar with his gull body of work may think of Martin as primarily the "wild and crazy guy" with an arrow through his head, this book makes the case that he is in fact one of our nation's most accomplished and varied artists. It shows the full range of Martin's creative work, tracing the source of his comic imagination from his early standup days, starting in the mid- to late 1960's through the films he has written and starred in, and emphasizing his more recent creative outpourings as playwright, essayist, novelist, memoirist, songwriter, composer, musician, and art critic. "Standup is the hardest material in the world to writer for someone else; it's like trying to condense ten years of experience into twenty minutes of new material," Martin says. But commenting on his fiction writing, he says, "I think you have to be able to find as a writer that state where your don't know what you're going to say or what the character is going to say or who the characters are. That's the biggest thrill of all. When you start to trust that subconscious thing and you don't censor yourself--just remember you

can always throw it away--that's when the good stuff comes out.""--