

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910791300603321
Autore	Mattingly Cheryl <1951->
Titolo	Moral laboratories : family peril and the struggle for a good life // Cheryl Mattingly
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Oakland, California : , : University of California Press, , 2014 ©2014
ISBN	0-520-28120-9 0-520-95953-1
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (280 p.)
Classificazione	SOC002000MED035000SOC026000
Disciplina	362.19892009794/93
Soggetti	Chronically ill children - Medical care - Moral and ethical aspects - California - Los Angeles County Children with disabilities - Medical care - Moral and ethical aspects - California - Los Angeles County African American families - California - Los Angeles County Medical anthropology - California - Los Angeles County Medical ethics - California - Los Angeles County
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 -- Acknowledgments -- Prologue -- Chapter 1. Experimental Soccer and the Good Life -- Chapter 2. First Person Virtue Ethics and the Anthropology of Morality -- Chapter 3. Home Experiments -- Chapter 4. Luck, Friendship, and the Narrative Self -- Chapter 5. Moral Tragedy -- Chapter 6. The Flight of the Blue Balloons -- Chapter 7. Rival Moral Traditions and the Miracle Baby -- Chapter 8. Dueling Confessions -- Chapter 9. Tragedy, Possibility, and Philosophical Anthropology -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Moral Laboratories is an engaging ethnography and a groundbreaking foray into the anthropology of morality. It takes us on a journey into the lives of African American families caring for children with serious chronic medical conditions, and it foregrounds the uncertainty that affects their struggles for a good life. Challenging depictions of moral transformation as possible only in moments of breakdown or in radical breaches from the ordinary, it offers a compelling portrait of the

transformative powers embedded in day-to-day existence. From soccer fields to dinner tables, the everyday emerges as a moral laboratory for reshaping moral life. Cheryl Mattingly offers vivid and heart-wrenching stories to elaborate a first-person ethical framework, forcefully showing the limits of third-person renderings of morality.
