Record Nr. UNINA9910791563703321 Autore O'Brien Geoffrey G (Geoffrey Gordon), <1969-> Titolo Metropole [[electronic resource] /] / Geoffrey G. O'Brien Berkeley,: University of California Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-27753-0 9786613277534 0-520-94827-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (109 p.) Collana New California poetry:: 33 Disciplina 811/.6 Soggetti American poetry - 21st century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Vague Cadence -- Bohemian Grove --Poem Beginning to End -- Left Behind -- Poem with No Good Lines --Failed Catalog -- Forms of Battle -- Three Years -- The Other Arts --White of the Eyes -- Folie à Deux -- Ambien -- Old War Injury --Ecstatic Norm -- Having Since Moved On -- Restricted Palette -- The Sütterlin Method -- Dizzy Procession -- Street Cry -- To Be Read in Either Direction -- Metropole -- Acknowledgments Sommario/riassunto Geoffrey G. O'Brien's third collection opens with a set of lyric experiments whose music and mutable syntax explore the social relations concealed in material things. O'Brien's poems measure the "vague cadence" of daily life, testing both the value and limits of art in a time of vanishing publics and permanent war. The long title poem, written in a strict iambic prose, charts the disappearance of the poetic into the prosaic, of meter into the mundane, while reactivating the very possibilities it mourns: O'Brien's prosody invests the prose of things with the intensities of verse. In the charged space of this hybrid form, objects become subjects and sense pivots mid-sentence into song: "The sun revolves around the earth revolves around the sun."