1. Record Nr. UNINA9910792864303321 Autore Magris Claudio Titolo Blameless / / Claudio Magris Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven, CT:,: Yale University Press,, [2017] ©2017 **ISBN** 0-300-22790-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xii, 349 pages) Collana The Margellos World Republic of Letters Altri autori (Persone) AppelAnne Milano Disciplina 853/.914 Military paraphernalia - Collectors and collecting Soggetti Italy 20th century Fiction Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- CONTENTS -- TRANSLATOR'S NOTE -- Blameless --AUTHOR'S NOTE -- TRANSLATOR'S GLOSSARY Sommario/riassunto From one of Europe's most revered authors, a tale of one man's obsessive project to collect the instruments of death, evil, and humanity's darkest atrocities in order to oppose them Claudio Magris's searing new novel ruthlessly confronts the human obsession with war and its savagery in every age and every country. His tale centers on a man whose maniacal devotion to the creation of a Museum of War involves both a horrible secret and the hope of redemption. Luisa Brooks, his museum's curator, a descendant of victims of Jewish exile and of black slavery, has a complex dilemma: will the collections she exhibits save humanity from repeating its tragic and violent past? Or might the display of articles of war actually valorize and memorialize evil atrocities? In Blameless Magris affirms his mastery of the novel form, interweaving multiple themes and traveling deftly through history. With a multitude of stories, the author investigates individual sorrow, the societal burden of justice aborted, and the ways in which

memory and historical evidence are sabotaged or sometimes salvaged.