Record Nr. UNINA9910796719503321 Autore Sigerist Henry E (Henry Ernest), <1891-1957, > Titolo Civilization and disease / / Henry E. Sigerist; with a new foreword by Elizabeth Fee Ithaca;; London:,: Cornell University Press,, 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-5017-2345-6 Edizione [with a new foreword] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Collana Messenger lectures Disciplina 610.9 Soggetti Medicine - History Medicine and art Medicine - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "Originally published in 1943, now with a new foreword." Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Foreword: the life and work of Henry E. Sigerist / by Elizabeth Fee --Civilization as a factor in the genesis of disease -- Disease and economics -- Disease and social life -- Disease and the law -- Disease and history -- Disease and religion -- Disease and philosophy --Disease and science -- Disease and literature -- Disease and art --Disease and music -- Civilization against disease. Originally published in 1943, Civilization and Disease was based on a Sommario/riassunto series of lectures that the medical historian Henry E. Sigerist delivered at Cornell University in 1940. Now back in print, the book is a wideranging account of the importance of social factors on health and illness and the impact that disease has had on societies throughout human history. Despite considerable advances in both medicine and historiography, Civilization and Disease remains a landmark work in the history of medicine and a fascinating look at, first, civilization as a factor in the genesis and spread of disease, and second, the effects of disease on such aspects of civilization as economics, social life, law, philosophy, religion, science, and the arts. In a new foreword written for this edition, Elizabeth Fee outlines Sigerist's life, works, and legacy as a historian, a teacher, and an advocate for universal health care,

hailing Civilization and Disease as "an excellent introduction to

Sigerist's work."