Record Nr. UNINA9910807899503321 Autore Edlow Jonathan A Titolo The deadly dinner party [[electronic resource]]: and other medical detective stories / / Jonathan A. Edlow New Haven, : Yale University Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-35282-2 9786612352829 0-300-15499-2 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 p.) Disciplina 616.07/5 Soggetti Medicine Diagnosis, Differential Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- 1. The Deadly Dinner Party -- 2. Everywhere That Mary Went -- 3. The Baby and the Bathwater -- 4. Rubbed the Wrong Way -- 5. The Forbidden Fruit -- 6. Two Ticks from Jersey -- 7. An Airtight Case -- 8. Monday Morning Fever -- 9. The Case of the Wide-Eyed Boy -- 10. A Study in Scarlet -- 11. The Case of the Overly Hot Honeymoon -- 12. Feeling His Oats -- 13. The Case of the Unhealthy Health Food -- 14. Little Luisa's Blinding Headache --15. Too Much of a Good Thing -- Sources -- Index Sommario/riassunto Picking up where Berton Roueché's The Medical Detectives left off, The Deadly Dinner Party presents fifteen edge-of-your-seat, reallife medical detective stories written by a practicing physician. Awardwinning author Jonathan Edlow, M.D., shows the doctor as detective and the epidemiologist as elite sleuth in stories that are as gripping as the best thrillers. In these stories a notorious stomach bug turns a suburban dinner party into a disaster that almost claims its host; a diminutive woman routinely eats more than her football-playing boyfriend but continually loses weight; a young executive is diagnosed with lung cancer, yet the tumors seem to wax and wane inexplicably. Written for the lay person who wishes to better grasp how doctors

decipher the myriad clues and puzzling symptoms they often

encounter, each story presents a very different case where doctors must work to find the accurate diagnosis before it is too late. Edlow uses his unique ability to relate complex medical concepts in a writing style that is clear, engaging and easily understandable. The resulting stories both entertain us and teach us much about medicine, its history and the subtle interactions among pathogens, humans, and the environment.