1. Record Nr. UNINA9910808509803321 Autore Priselac Matthew Titolo Locke's science of knowledge / / Matthew Priselac Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Taylor & Francis,, 2017 **ISBN** 1-315-68747-X 1-317-41825-5 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (249 pages) Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy;; 15 Collana Disciplina 121.092 192 Soggetti Knowledge, Theory of Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Simple ideas, ideas of qualities, and the simple idea of power -- 2. The genetic structure of ideas of substances -- 3. Locke's account of knowledge -- 4. Locke's account of knowledge of the external world --5. Locke's response to skepticism -- 6. Locke and idealism. John Locke's An Essay Concerning Human Understanding begins with a Sommario/riassunto clear statement of an epistemological goal: to explain the limits of human knowledge, opinion, and ignorance. The actual text of the Essay, in stark contrast, takes a long and seemingly meandering path before returning to that goal at the Essay's end-one with many detours through questions in philosophy of mind, metaphysics, and philosophy of language. Over time, Locke scholarship has come to focus on Locke's contributions to these parts of philosophy. In Locke's Science of Knowledge, Priselac refocuses on the Essay's epistemological thread, arguing that the Essay is unified from beginning to end around its compositional theory of ideas and the active role Locke gives the mind in constructing its thoughts. To support the plausibility and demonstrate the value of this interpretation, Priselac argues thatcontrary to its reputation as being at best sloppy and at worst outright inconsistent-Locke's discussion of skepticism and account of knowledge of the external world fits neatly within the Essay's

epistemology.