Record Nr. UNINA9910818777103321 Autore Weiner Brian A. <1959-> Titolo Sins of the parents: the politics of national apologies in the United States / / Brian A. Weiner Philadelphia,: Temple University Press, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-93936-X 9786612939365 1-4399-0614-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (258 p.) Politics, history, and social change Collana Disciplina 323.1/0973 Soggetti Civil rights - United States - History Reconciliation - Political aspects - United States Japanese Americans - Civil rights Oneida Indians - Claims - History **Apologizing** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 225-237) and index. Nota di contenuto Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction: Past Wrongs, Present Responsibilities; 1. The Promises of Great Nations: The Oneida Land Claims Cases; 2. Explaining (away) The Misdeeds of Political Ancestors: The Civil Liberties Act of 1988; 3. The Birth and Death of Political Memories; 4. The Political Responsibilities of Citizens; 5. The Political Promise and Limitations of National Apologies; Conclusion: Citizenship in the Shadows of Misdeeds; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Debates have swirled around the question of national forgiveness for the past fifty years. Using two examples-the land claims of the Oneida Indians and the claims for reparations to Japanese Americans interned during World War II-Brian Weiner suggests a way of thinking about national misdeeds. Arguing beyond collective ""innocence"" or ""guilt,"" Sins of the Parents offers a model of collective responsibility to deal with past wrongs in such a way as to reinvigorate our notion of citizenship. Drawing upon the writings of Abraham Lincoln and Hannah

Arendt, Weiner offers a definition