1. Record Nr. UNINA9910820300103321 Autore Cremin Colin Titolo Totalled: salvaging the future from the wreckage of capitalism / / Colin Cremin Pubbl/distr/stampa London, England:,: Pluto Press,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 1-78371-266-X 1-78371-267-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (208 p.) Disciplina 330.122 Soggetti Capitalism Globalization - Economic aspects Capitalism - Moral and ethical aspects Economics - Sociological aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto ""Cover""; ""Contents""; ""Acknowledgements""; ""Introduction: Year Zero""; ""1. Materially Determined Apocalypse""; ""2. The Three Orders of Apocalypse""; ""3. The Double Helix of Dissatisfaction""; ""4. Production Spiral"": ""5. Consumption Spiral"": ""6. Banquets of Worlds""; ""7. Clash of Axioms""; ""Notes""; ""Bibliography""; ""Index"" Sommario/riassunto In this book, Colin Cremin tackles the overbearing truth that capitalism encompasses the totality of our societal relations, weaving deep into the fabric of all that it means to be human. He shows how it is a system that totalises and which has upended the modernity project by industrialised warfare, surveillance, commodification and control. With ever deepening crises and ecological catastrophes it threatens the total destruction of human civilisation. But in amongst this wreckage there are still functioning parts, machines to be salvaged through the collective force of the human imagination and the total mobilisation of the peoples of this earth. We must realise a different future to the apocalypticism forewarned by scientists, prescribed by economists,

accommodated by politicians and made spectacle by the entertainment industry. Totalled maps the deteriorating socio-economic, political and

ecological conditions in which we live and, through our labours and consumption, seemingly have no choice other than to accelerate. The question for the book is how a utopian possibility discernable in the power of human creation can be realised when as a society we are in different ways materially, ideologically and libidinally bound to the capitalist machine of destruction. Totalled concludes with a politically and economically grounded set of propositions on how this might be achieved.