Record Nr. UNINA9910820684803321 Autore Vollum Scott <1970-> Titolo Last words and the death penalty [[electronic resource]]: voices of the condemned and their co-victims / / Scott Vollum New York, : LFB Scholarly Pub., 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-59332-554-1 1-59332-318-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (314 p.) Collana Criminal justice recent scholarship Disciplina 364.660973 Soggetti Death row inmates - United States Victims of crimes - United States Capital punishment - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. 285-300) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction -- The human context of the death penalty -- Restorative justice and the death penalty -- Giving voice to the condemned and their victims -- Data and methodology -- Last statements of the condemned -- Co-victim statements -- Discussion and conclusion. Sommario/riassunto Vollum analyzes the content of the last statements of the condemned and statements made by co-victims; he seek to ""give voice"" to these two different groups. Vollum finds that the most dominant themes among the condemned center around transformation, redemption, and positive messages of connection to others. The most dominant themes of co-victims are more conflicting with a mix of frustration with the death penalty process, relief that it is over, and the desire for justice or revenge. Through their own words, we learn that the death penalty is

neither a soothing salve for the pain and suffering