Record Nr. UNINA9910820799703321 Autore Mele Alfred R. <1951-> **Titolo** Springs of action: understanding intentional behavior / / Alfred R. Mele New York,: Oxford University Press, 1992 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-19-773172-4 1-280-53347-1 0-19-534497-9 0-585-36699-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (285 p.) Collana Oxford scholarship online 128/.4 Disciplina Soggetti Act (Philosophy) Intentionality (Philosophy) Intentionalism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Previously issued in print: 1992. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Contents; PART I; 1 Introduction; 2 Mental Causation; 3 Wanting and Wanting Most; 4 P1* and the Plasticity of Motivational Strength; 5 Irresistible Desires; 6 Effective Reasons; PART II; 7 Transition: Introducing Intentions: 8 Intention, Belief, and Intentional Action: 9 Executive States: Settling Things; 10 The Executive Dimension of Proximal Intentions; 11 Intention's Content; 12 Acquiring Intentions; 13 Conclusion: An Unsuccessful Brief Against ""Causalism""; References; Index; A; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; R; S; T; V; W Tackling some central problems in the philosophy of action, Mele Sommario/riassunto constructs an explanatory model for intentional behavior, locating the place and significance of such mental phenomena as beliefs, desires, reason, and intentions in the etiology of intentional action. Part One comprises a comprehensive examination of the standard treatments of the relations between desires, beliefs, and actions. In Part Two, Mele goes on to develop a subtle and well-defended view that the motivational role of intentions is of a different sort from that of beliefs and desires. Mele, also offers a provocative expl