Record Nr. UNINA9910822297203321 Autore Travis Trysh Titolo The language of the heart: a cultural history of the recovery movement from Alcoholics Anonymous to Oprah Winfrey / / Trysh Travis Chapel Hill,: University of North Carolina Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8078-9870-8 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (376 p.) Disciplina 362.292 362.292/86 362.29286 Recovery movement - History Soggetti 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 Contents: Gratitude: Abbreviations: INTRODUCTION: The Sex Addict. Nota di contenuto the Dry Drunk, and the Ubiquitous Recovery Movement; PART ONE: ADDICTION AND RECOVERY: 1: The Metaphor of Disease: 2: The Antidote of Surrender; PART TWO: ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND PRINT CULTURE; 3: Reading the Language of the Heart; 4: The "Feminization" of AA Culture; PART THREE: POLITICS AND SPIRIT; 5: The Varieties of Feminist Recovery Experience; 6: Oprah Winfrey and the Disease of Difference; AFTERWORD: Recovery as a "Populist" Culture; Appendix A: Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Appendix B: Reprintings and Distribution of Alcoholics Anonymous Notes; Bibliography; Index; A; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; Q; R; S; T; U; V; W; Y Sommario/riassunto In The Language of the Heart Trysh Travis explores the rich cultural history of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and its offshoots and the larger ""recovery movement"" that has grown out of them. Moving from AA's beginnings in the mid-1930s as a men's fellowship that met in church basements to the thoroughly commercialized addiction treatment centers of today, Travis chronicles the development of recovery and examines its relationship to the broad American tradition of self-help,

highlighting the roles that gender, mysticism, and print culture have

played in that development. Travis dra