1. Record Nr. UNINA9910822965103321 Autore Quigley Fran <1962-> **Titolo** If we can win here: the new front lines of the labor movement // Fran Quigley Ithaca:,: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press,, 2015 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8014-5613-4 0-8014-5614-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (222 pages): illustrations Disciplina 331.88/11640977252 Soggetti Labor movement - Indiana - Indianapolis Labor unions - Organizing - Indiana - Indianapolis Service industries workers - Labor unions - Organizing - Indiana -Indianapolis Working poor - Indiana - Indianapolis Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: why can't I do that as a housekeeper? -- A campus union -- We can win here -- Dreaming of one good job -- Alt-labor hits Indianapolis -- The Fight for 15 -- Legal problems -- UNITE HERE --Struggling for contracts -- Wonderful field, awful pay -- Trying to secure a union -- Prayers for citizenship -- Advocacy for citizenship --Contracts on campus -- Turned away at the hotels -- Back to the Hyatt -- Bring Lisa back! -- That is what the union does for me. Sommario/riassunto Do service-sector workers represent the future of the U.S. labor movement? Mid-twentieth-century union activism transformed manufacturing jobs from backbreaking, low-wage work into careers that allowed workers to buy homes and send their kids to college. Some union activists insist that there is no reason why service-sector workers cannot follow that same path. In If We Can Win Here, Fran Quigley tells the stories of janitors, fry cooks, and health care aides trying to fight their way to middle-class incomes in Indianapolis. He also chronicles the struggles of the union organizers with whom the

workers have made common cause. The service-sector workers of Indianapolis mirror the city's demographics: they are white, African

American, and Latino. In contrast, the union organizers are mostly white and younger than the workers they help rally. Quigley chronicles these allies' setbacks, victories, bonds, and conflicts while placing their journey in the broader context of the global economy and labor history. As one Indiana-based organizer says of the struggle being waged in a state that has earned a reputation as antiunion: "If we can win here, we can win anywhere." The outcome of the battle of Indianapolis may foretell the fate of workers across the United States.