1. Record Nr. UNINA9910826495603321 Autore Herzog Don Titolo Defaming the Dead / / Don Herzog Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven, CT:,: Yale University Press,, [2018] ©2017 **ISBN** 0-300-22771-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (285 pages): illustrations 346.03401 Disciplina Soggetti Dead Human rights Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- 1. Embezzled, Diddled, and Popped -- 2. Tort's Landscape -- 3. Speak No Evil -- 4. Legal Dilemmas -- 5. Corpse Desecration -- 6. "This Will Always Be There" --Index Sommario/riassunto Do the dead have rights? In a persuasive argument, Don Herzog makes the case that the deceased's interests should be protected This is a delightfully deceptive works that start out with a simple, seemingly arcane question-can you libel or slander the dead?-and develops it outward, tackling larger and larger implications, until it ends up straddling the borders between law, culture, philosophy, and the meaning of life. A full answer to this question requires legal scholar Don Herzog to consider what tort law is actually designed to protect. what differences death makes-and what differences it doesn't-and why

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