1. Record Nr. UNINA9910827060503321 Autore Smith Susan Lynn <1960-> Titolo Sick and tired of being sick and tired: Black women's health activism in America, 1890-1950 / / Susan L. Smith Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, [1995] ©1995 **ISBN** 1-283-21075-4 9786613210753 0-8122-0027-6 0-585-12728-X Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 247 pages): illustrations Collana Studies in Health, Illness, and Caregiving Disciplina 362.1/089/96073 Soggetti African American women health reformers - Southern States - History African Americans - Medical care - Southern States - History Health care reform - Southern States - History Public health - Southern States - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Figures -- Acknowledgments --Introduction: African Americans, Gender, and Public Health in the South -- 1. Private Crusades for Public Health -- 2. Spreading the Gospel of Health -- 3. A New Deal for Black Health -- 4. Good Intentions and Bad Blood in Alabama -- 5. The Public Health Work of Poor Rural Women --6. Sharecroppers and Sorority Women -- Conclusion -- Notes --Selected Bibliography -- Index -- Backmatter Sommario/riassunto Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired moves beyond the depiction of African Americans as mere recipients of aid or as victims of neglect and highlights the ways black health activists created public health programs and influenced public policy at every opportunity. Smith also sheds new light on the infamous Tuskegee syphilis experiment by situating it within the context of black public health activity, reminding us that public health work had oppressive as well as progressive consequences.