Record Nr. UNINA9910827845303321 Autore McMahan Jeff Titolo Killing in war / / Jefferson McMahan Pubbl/distr/stampa Oxford,: Clarendon Press New York,: Oxford University Press, 2009 **ISBN** 0-19-960357-X 1-282-05336-1 9786612053368 0-19-156346-3 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (263 p.) Collana Uehiro series in practical ethics Disciplina 172/.42 War - Moral and ethical aspects Soggetti Combat - Moral and ethical aspects Military ethics Conscientious objection Responsibility Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. [236]-245) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents; 1. The Morality of Participation in an Unjust War; 2. Arguments for the Moral Equality of Combatants; 3. Excuses; 4. Liability and the Limits of Self-Defense; 5. Civilian Immunity and Civilian Liability; Notes; Index Jeff McMahan urges us to reject the view, dominant throughout history, Sommario/riassunto that mere participation in an unjust war is not wrong. He argues powerfully that combatants who fight for an unjust cause are acting wrongly and are themselves morally responsible for their actions. We must rethink our attitudes to the moral role of the individual in war. -; Killing a person is in general among the most seriously wrongful forms of action, yet most of us accept that it can be permissible to kill people on a large scale in war. Does morality become more permissive in a

state of war? Jeff McMahan argues that c