Record Nr. UNINA9910827920503321 Autore Molotch Harvey Luskin **Titolo** Where stuff comes from: how toasters, toilets, cars, computers, and many others things come to be as they are / / Harvey Molotch New York:,: Routledge,, 2003 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-135-94634-5 1-135-94635-3 1-280-06457-9 9786610064571 0-203-01163-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (328 p.) 306.46 Disciplina 620 Soggetti Engineering Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 287-304) and index. BOOK COVER: HALF-TITLE: TITLE: COPYRIGHT: DEDICATION: Nota di contenuto CONTENTS; PREFACE; CHAPTER 1 Lash-Ups; Goods and bads; CHAPTER 2 Inside Stuff: How Professionals Do It; CHAPTER 3 Form and Function; CHAPTER 4 Changing Goods: CHAPTER 5 Venues and Middlemen: CHAPTER 6 Place in Product; CHAPTER 7 Corporate Organization and the Design Big Thing; CHAPTER 8 Moral Rules; NOTES; BIBLIOGRAPHY; **INDEX** Sommario/riassunto Molotch takes us on a fascinating exploration into the worlds of technology, design, corporate and popular culture. We now see how corporations, designers, retailers, advertisers, and other middle-men influence what a thing can be and how it is made. We see the way goods link into ordinary life as well as vast systems of consumption. economic and political operation. The book is a meditation into the meaning of the stuff in our lives and what that stuff says about us.