Record Nr. UNINA9910829104903321 Autore Deemter Kees van **Titolo** Not exactly: in praise of vagueness / / Kees van Deemter Oxford;; Oxford,: Oxford University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-19-164785-3 1-282-46580-5 9786612465802 0-19-157288-8 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (358 p.) Disciplina 121.68 401 401.43 401/.43 511.313 Soggetti Vagueness (Philosophy) Semantics Logic Computational linguistics 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 and index. Contents; List of Figures; Prologue; 1. Introduction: False Clarity; PART Nota di contenuto I: VAGUENESS, WHERE ONE LEAST EXPECTS IT: PART II: THEORIES OF VAGUENESS; PART III: WORKING MODELS OF VAGUENESS; Notes; Recommended Reading; References; Index Not everything is black and white. Our daily lives are full of vagueness Sommario/riassunto or fuzziness. Language is the most obvious example - for instance, when we describe someone as tall, it is as though there is a particular height beyond which a person can be considered 'tall'. Likewise the terms 'blond' or 'overweight' in common usage. We often think in discontinuous categories when we are considering something continuous. In this book, van Deemter cuts across various disciplines in considering the nature and importance of vagueness. He looks at the

principles of measurement, and how we choose categories;