

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910838201703321
Autore	Robben Antonius C. G. M
Titolo	Perpetrators : Encountering Humanity's Dark Side
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Redwood City : , : Stanford University Press, , 2023 ©2023
ISBN	1-5036-3428-0
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (276 pages)
Collana	Stanford Studies in Human Rights
Altri autori (Persone)	HintonAlexander Laban
Disciplina	364.15/109596
Soggetti	SOCIAL SCIENCE / Violence in Society Argentina History Dirty War, 1976-1983
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	Cover -- Title Page -- Copyright -- Dedication -- Contents -- List of Illustrations -- Foreword -- Preface -- Introduction Approaching Perpetrator Research -- Part I: Interviewing -- 1. Spectacular Perpetrators -- 2. Seductive Perpetrators -- Interludes -- The Perpetrator and the Witness -- "They Were No More. None of Them They Had Become Disappeared." -- Part II: Dreaming -- 3. The Night Stalkers -- 4. Ruin -- Interludes -- "For the Sake of the Fatherland -- Interrogation: Comrade Duch's Abecedarian -- Part III: Writing -- 5. Nearing the Paradox -- 6. Curation -- Conclusion Six Guideposts for Perpetrator Research -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index -- Series Editors -- Back Cover.
Sommario/riassunto	Perpetrators of mass violence are commonly regarded as evil. Their violent nature is believed to make them commit heinous crimes as members of state agencies, insurgencies, terrorist organizations, or racist and supremacist groups. Upon close examination, however, perpetrators are contradictory human beings who often lead unsettlingly ordinary and uneventful lives. Drawing on decades of on-the-ground research with perpetrators of genocide, mass violence, and enforced disappearances in Cambodia and Argentina, Antonius Robben and Alex Hinton explore how researchers go about not just interviewing and writing about perpetrators, but also processing their own emotions and considering how the personal and interpersonal

impact of this sort of research informs the texts that emerge from them. Through interlinked ethnographic essays, methodological and theoretical reflections, and dialogues between the two authors, this thought-provoking book conveys practical wisdom for the benefit of other researchers who face ruthless perpetrators and experience turbulent emotions when listening to perpetrators and their victims. Perpetrators rarely regard themselves as such, and fieldwork with perpetrators makes for situations freighted with emotion. Research with perpetrators is a difficult but important piece of understanding the causes of and creating solutions to mass violence, and Robben and Hinton use their expertise to provide insightful lessons on the epistemological, ethical, and emotional challenges of ethnographic fieldwork in the wake of atrocity.
