1. Record Nr. UNINA9910861954703321 Autore Höhl Anna Elisabeth Titolo Scientific Understanding: What It Is and How It Is Achieved / / Anna Elisabeth Höhl Pubbl/distr/stampa Bielefeld:,:transcript Verlag,, [2024] ©2024 **ISBN** 3-8394-7262-8 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (260 p.) Collana Philosophie - Aufklärung - Kritik;; 2 Soggetti PHILOSOPHY / Epistemology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgements -- List of Figures -- 1. Introduction -- 2. Different views on scientific understanding -- 3. Scientific understanding, scientific explanation, and why they cannot be torn apart -- 4. Is scientific understanding an ability? -- 5. Scientific understanding of the genetic regulation of vertebrate development and how zebrafish made it possible -- 6. Grasping and explaining – an account of scientific understanding -- 7. Conclusion -- Bibliography Understanding is an ability manifested by grasping relations of a Sommario/riassunto phenomenon and articulating new explanations. Hence, scientific understanding is inextricably intertwined with and not possible without explanation, and understanding is not a type of propositional knowledge. Anna Elisabeth Höhl provides a novel philosophical account of scientific understanding by developing and defending necessary and sufficient conditions for the understanding that scientists achieve of the phenomena they are researching. This account of scientific understanding is based on and supported by a detailed investigation of an episode from scientific practice in biology.