

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910964653003321
Autore	Robinson Marilynne
Titolo	Absence of mind : the dispelling of inwardness from the modern myth of the self / / Marilynne Robinson
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New Haven, : Yale University Press, c2010
ISBN	9780300166477 0300166478
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (160 p.)
Collana	The Terry lectures
Disciplina	201/.65
Soggetti	Religion and science Philosophy, Modern Thought and thinking
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Essays from the lectures delivered at Yale University, the Dwight Harrington Terry Foundation.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Introduction -- On human nature -- The strange history of altruism -- The Freudian self -- Thinking again.
Sommario/riassunto	In this ambitious book, acclaimed writer Marilynne Robinson applies her astute intellect to some of the most vexing topics in the history of human thought-science, religion, and consciousness. Crafted with the same care and insight as her award-winning novels, <i>Absence of Mind</i> challenges postmodern atheists who crusade against religion under the banner of science. In Robinson's view, scientific reasoning does not denote a sense of logical infallibility, as thinkers like Richard Dawkins might suggest. Instead, in its purest form, science represents a search for answers. It engages the problem of knowledge, an aspect of the mystery of consciousness, rather than providing a simple and final model of reality. By defending the importance of individual reflection, Robinson celebrates the power and variety of human consciousness in the tradition of William James. She explores the nature of subjectivity and considers the culture in which Sigmund Freud was situated and its influence on his model of self and civilization. Through keen interpretations of language, emotion, science, and poetry, <i>Absence of Mind</i> restores human consciousness to its central place in the religion-science debate.

