1. Record Nr. UNINA9910986140503321 Autore Hauskeller Michael Titolo Meaning in Life: A Subjectivist Account / / by Michael Hauskeller Cham:,: Springer Nature Switzerland:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2025 9783031803628 **ISBN** 3031803620 Edizione [1st ed. 2025.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (333 pages) Disciplina 128.2 Philosophy of mind Soggetti Self **Ethics** Philosophy of the Self Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: The Apparent Absurdity of Meaning Subjectivism -- Chapter 3: Meaning Nihilism, Ultimate Purpose, and God -- Chapter 4: Death and Ultimate Significance --Chapter 5: Mattering and Objective Value -- Chapter 6: Are Only Useful Lives Meaningful? -- Chapter 7: Can the Life of Non-Human Animals Be Meaningful? -- Chapter 8: Importance, Achievement, and Post-Mortal Fame -- Chapter 9: Towards a Pluralistic Account of Meaning in Life --Chapter 10: Existential Distress, Suicide, and Moral Faith -- Chapter 11: What It Means to Experience One's Life as Meaningful -- Chapter 12: Meaning, Doing Good, and Being Good -- Chapter 13: Can the Experience of Meaning Ever Be Illusory? -- Chapter 14: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto This book develops a subjectivist account of meaning in life and argues that meaning or its absence can only be judged by the way we feel about our lives. Against many philosophers who consider that a life can only be meaningful if it 'makes a difference' and contributes something important, this book contends that meaningfulness is not an objective

quality of lives, nor is it in some way dependent on such a quality. Meaning is not like truth, which is commonly thought to be an objective

quality of propositions. A person cannot feel their life to be meaningful, while in fact it is not, because meaning does not depend on the presence of certain features without which no life can be rightly considered meaningful. The book therefore concludes that many people live a meaningful life. Meaning is not the prerogative of an elite minority. This book will be essential reading for philosophers and postgraduate students researching the meaning of life and is also suitable for use in teaching on philosophy courses at university level. Michael Hauskeller is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Liverpool, and has been Head of the Department of Philosophy since January 2018. Professor Hauskeller has published three previous books with Palgrave Macmillan: Sex and the Posthuman Condition (2014), The Palgrave Handbook of Posthumanism in Film and Television (ed., 2015), and Mythologies of Transhumanism (2016).