Record Nr. UNINA9911001782103321 Autore Salzani Carlo <1972-> Titolo Animals, Empathy, and Anthropomorphism: The Limits of Imagination // by Carlo Salzani Cham:,: Springer Nature Switzerland:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, Pubbl/distr/stampa , 2025 **ISBN** 9783031880285 Edizione [1st ed. 2025.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XII, 245 p.) Collana The Palgrave Macmillan Animal Ethics Series, , 2634-6680 179.3 Disciplina Soggetti Animal welfare - Moral and ethical aspects Cognition in animals Literature - Philosophy **Animal Ethics Animal Cognition** Literary Theory Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1 Introduction: Limits, Possibilities, and Bats -- Part I The Limits of Nota di contenuto Imagination -- 2 The Challenge of Otherness: J.M. Coetzee vs Thomas Nagel -- 3 The Just and Loving Gaze of the Poet: Animals and Poetry --4 The Pitfalls of Embodiment: Imagination, Disability, Animality -- Part II The Limits of Empathy -- 5 Sympathy, Empathy, & Co.: Moral Sentimentalism and Its Discontents -- 6 Feeling One's Way in an Intersubjective World: Phenomenology of Empathy -- 7 Listening to What the (Animal) Other is Saying: Empathy and Care -- Part III The Limits of Anthropomorphism -- 8 If a Chimp Could Talk: On the Advantages and Limits of Primatomorphism -- 9 Tentacular Logocentrism: Octopus Minds and Human Imagination -- 10 The Back of the Snake, or, Face to Face with the Other -- Epilogue: Batmom's "World"-Traveling in Nonhuman Umwelten. Sommario/riassunto "Carlo Salzani's focus on the underexamined role of the moral imagination in ethical knowledge fills a void in ethic-of-care theory. Erudite, deeply researched, and gracefully written, Animals, Empathy

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