1. Record Nr. UNINA9911026156103321 Autore Walker Margaret Titolo For My People / / by Margaret Walker; with a foreword by Stephen Vincent Benét Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven:,: Yale University Press,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 0-300-25114-9 Edizione [Centenary edition.] 1 online resource (61 pages) Descrizione fisica Collana Yale series of younger poets Disciplina 811.54 Soggetti African Americans Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- FOREWORD -- CONTENTS -- For My People -- Dark Blood -- We Have Been Believers -- Southern Song -- Sorrow Home --Delta -- Lineage -- Since 1619 -- People of Unrest -- Today -- Molly Means -- Bad-Man Stagolee -- Poppa Chicken -- Kissie Lee -- Yalluh Hammuh -- Two-Gun Buster and trigger Slim -- Teacher -- GUS, the Lineman -- Long John Nelson and Sweetie Pie -- Big John Henry --Childhood -- Whores -- Iowa Farmer -- Memory -- Our Need -- The Struggle Staggers Us -- PUBLISHER'S NOTE -- VOLUMES ALREADY ISSUED. Sommario/riassunto Considered among the most important collection of poetry written by a participant in the Black Chicago Renaissance, For My People is a series of ballad poems with memorable characters, including the New Orleans sorceress Molly Means; Kissie Lee, a tough young woman who dies "with her boots on switching blades"; Poppa Chicken, an urban drug dealer and pimp; John Henry, killed by a ten-pound hammer; and Stagolee, who kills a white officer but eludes a lynch mob. The

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