Record Nr. UNINA9910153176103321 Autore Schuman Samuel **Titolo** Nabokov's Shakespeare / / Samuel Schuman; with a foreword by Brian Boyd Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Bloomsbury,, 2014 **ISBN** 1-62892-426-8 1-62892-715-1 1-62892-151-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (204 p.) Disciplina 813/.54 Soggetti American fiction - English influences Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 171-176) and index. Machine generated contents note: -- Foreword by Brian Boyd --Nota di contenuto Introduction - Shakespeare, Nabokov, and Mel. -- I. "The Sun's a Thief:" Nabokov's Shakespeare Introduction: Nabokov, English and English Literature Theme; A Taxonomy of Nabokov's Shakespeareanisms; Preview -- II. The Russian Works. The Tragedy of Mr. Morn; "Shakespeare"; Translations; Early Prose; The Wood Sprite; Glory, The Gift, Invitation to a Beheading; Laughter in the Dark; Despair; The English Novels -- III. "Which is Sebastian?": What's in a (Shakespearean and Nabokovian) Name? -- IV.No Left Turn, or Something Rotten the State: Bend Sinister and Hamlet -- V.Hurricane Lolita: The Nabokovian Tempest -- VI.Tempest Point on the Bohemian Sea: PNIN -- VII.The Lunatic, the Lover and the Poet: Pale Fire and "Timon of Athens" -- VIII." O What a Noble Mind:": Ada and Hamlet -- IX. The Last Novels; Transparent Things; Look at the Harlequins! -- X. A Miscellany of Other English Works; That in Aleppo Once; Eugene Onegin; Speak, Memory; Reviews and Notes -- XI.Concluding Thoughts -- Appendix 1 - A Quantitative Approach -- Works Consulted -- Notes -- Index. "Nabokov's Shakespeare is a comprehensive study of an important and Sommario/riassunto interesting literary relationship. It explores the many and deep ways in which the works of Shakespeare, the greatest writer of the English language, penetrate the novels of Vladimir Nabokov, the finest English

prose stylist of the twentieth century. As a Russian youth, Nabokov had

read all of Shakespeare, in English. He claimed a shared birthday with the Bard, and some of his most highly regarded novels (Lolita, Pale Fire and Ada) are infused with Shakespeare and Shakespeareanisms. Across a gulf of over three centuries and half the globe, Shakespeare was an enormous influence on the twentieth-century Russian/American author. Nabokov uses Shakespeare and Shakespeare's works in a surprisingly wide variety of ways, from the most casual references to deep thematic links (e.g., Humbert Humbert, the narrator and protagonist of Lolita sees himself as The Tempest's Caliban). Schuman provides a taxonomy of Nabokov's Shakespeareanisms; a quantitative analysis of Shakespeare in Nabokov; an examination of Nabokov's Russian works, his early English novels, the non-Novelistic writings (poetry, criticism, stories), Nabokov's major works, and his final novels; and a discussion of the nature of literary relationships and influence. With a Foreword by Brian Boyd."--Bloomsbury Publishing.