Record Nr. UNINA9910154561003321 Autore Pell Barbara Helen <1945-> Titolo Faith and fiction [[electronic resource]]: a theological critique of the narrative strategies of Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan // Barbara Pell Pubbl/distr/stampa Waterloo, Ont.,: Published for the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion = Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses by Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1998 **ISBN** 1-280-92509-4 9786610925094 0-88920-648-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (153 p.) Collana Editions SR;; v. 23 Disciplina 300 Soggetti Religion in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Hugh MacLennan -- Morley Callaghan -- I. A Theoretical Introduction: Faith and Fiction. 1. The Problem of Faith. 2. The Problem of Fiction. 3. Faith and Canadian Fiction: MacLennan and Callaghan -- II. Hugh Maclennan, 1, Introduction, 2, Barometer Rising, 3, Two Solitudes, 4, The Precipice. 5. Each Man's Son. 6. The Watch That Ends the Night. 7. Return of the Sphinx. 8. Voices in Time. 9. Conclusion: "codified theology" -- III. Morley Callaghan. 1. Introduction. 2. Naturalistic novels: Strange Fugitive, It's Never Over, A Broken Journey. 3. Biblical parables: Such Is My Beloved, They Shall Inherit the Earth, More Joy in Heaven, 4. Sinner-saints: The Loved and the Lost, The Many Colored Coat. A Passion in Rome. Is it possible to write an artistically respectable and theoretically Sommario/riassunto convincing religious novel in a non-religious age? Up to now, there has been no substantial application of theological criticism to the works of Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan, the two most important Canadian novelists before 1960. Yet both were religious writers during the period when Canada entered the modern, non-religious era, and

both greatly influenced the development of our literature. MacLennan's

journey from Calvinism to Christian existentialism is documented in his essays and seven novels, most fully in "The Watch that Ends the Night". Callaghan's fourteen novels are marked by tensions in his theology of Catholic humanism, with his later novels defining his theological themes in increasingly secular terms. This tension between narrative and metanarrative has produced both the artistic strengths and the moral ambiguities that characterize his work. Faith and Fiction: A Theological Critique of the Narrative Strategies of Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan is a significant contribution to the relatively new field studying the relation between religion and literature in Canada.