1. Record Nr. UNINA9910255071603321 Autore Strong David Titolo The Philosophy of Piers Plowman: The Ethics and Epistemology of Love in Late Medieval Thought / / by David Strong Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-51981-6 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (VII, 224 p.) Collana The New Middle Ages Disciplina 809.02 Soggetti Literature. Medieval Medieval philosophy European literature Poetry Medieval Literature Medieval Philosophy **European Literature** Poetry and Poetics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto This book examines William Langland's late medieval poem, The Vision of Piers Plowman, in light of contemporary intellectual thought. David Strong argues that where the philosophers John Duns Scotus and William of Ockham revolutionize the view of human potential through their theories of epistemology, ethics, and freedom of the will, Langland vivifies these ideas by contextualizing them in an individual's search for truth and love. Specifically, the text ponders the intersection between reason and the will in expressing love. While scholars have consistently noted the text's indebtedness to these higher strains of thought, this is the first book-length study in over thirty years that

explores the depth of this interconnection, and the only one that considers the salience of both Scotus and Ockham. It is essential reading for medieval literary specialists and students as well as any cultural historian who desires to augment their knowledge of truth and