Record Nr. UNINA9910255227903321 Autore McNee Alan Titolo The New Mountaineer in Late Victorian Britain: Materiality, Modernity, and the Haptic Sublime / / by Alan McNee Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2016 **ISBN** 3-319-33440-9 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (257 pages): illustrations Collana Palgrave Studies in Nineteenth-Century Writing and Culture, , 2634-6494 Disciplina 796.522 Soggetti Literature, Modern—19th century British literature Great Britain—History Nineteenth-Century Literature British and Irish Literature History of Britain and Ireland Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction -- 1. The Rise of the New Mountaineer -- 2. Resisting the New Mountaineer -- 3. The Climbing Body -- 4. The Haptic Sublime --5. 'Trippers' and the New Mountain Landscape -- Conclusion --Glossary -- Bibliography -- Index. This book is about the rise of a new ethos in British mountaineering Sommario/riassunto during the late nineteenth century. It traces how British attitudes to mountains were transformed by developments both within the new sport of mountaineering and in the wider fin-de-siècle culture. The emergence of the new genre of mountaineering literature, which helped to create a self-conscious community of climbers with broadly shared values, coincided with a range of cultural and scientific trends that also influenced the direction of mountaineering. The author discusses the growing preoccupation with the physical basis of aesthetic sensations, and with physicality and materiality in general; the new interest in the

physiology of effort and fatigue; and the characteristically Victorian drive to enumerate, codify, and classify. Examining a wide range of

texts, from memoirs and climbing club journals to hotel visitors' books, he argues that the figure known as the 'New Mountaineer' was seen to embody a distinctly modern approach to mountain climbing and mountain aesthetics.