Record Nr. UNINA9910265237203321 Autore DeShazer Mary K **Titolo** Mammographies: the cultural discourses of breast cancer narratives // Mary K. DeShazer Ann Arbor:,: The University of Michigan Press,, [2013] Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-472-90098-6 0-472-02923-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (250 p.) Disciplina 618.1/907572 Soggetti Breast - Radiography Breast - Imaging Ethnicity - Health aspects Transcultural medical care Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 219-228) and index. ""Contents ""; ""Introduction: Representing Breast Cancer in the Twenty-Nota di contenuto first Century ""; ""1. Postmillennial Breast Cancer Photo-narratives: Technologized Terrain ""; ""2. Audre Lorde's Successors: Breast Cancer Narratives as Feminist Theory ""; ""3. Narratives of Prophylactic Mastectomy: Mapping the Breast Cancer Gene ""; ""4. Rebellious Humor in Breast Cancer Narratives: Deflating the Culture of Optimism "": ""5. New Directions in Breast Cancer Photography: Documenting Women's Post-operative Bodies "" ""6. Cancer Narratives and an Ethics of Commemoration: Susan Sontag, Annie Leibovitz, and David Rieff """7. Bodies, Witness, Mourning: Reading Breast Cancer Autoanatography ""; ""Afterword: What Remains ""; ""Appendix: Links to Selected Breast Cancer Websites and Blogs ""; ""Notes ""; ""Works Cited ""; ""Index "" Sommario/riassunto While breast cancer continues to affect the lives of millions. contemporary writers and artists have responded to the ravages of the disease in creative expression. Mary K. DeShazer's book looks specifically at breast cancer memoirs and photographic narratives, a

> category she refers to as mammographies, signifying both the imaging technology by which most Western women discover they have this

disease and the documentary imperatives that drive their written and visual accounts of it. Mammographies argues that breast cancer narratives of the past ten years differ from their predecessors in their bold address of previously neglected topics such as the link between cancer and environmental carcinogens, the ethics and efficacy of genetic testing and prophylactic mastectomy, and the shifting politics of prosthesis and reconstruction.