Record Nr. UNINA9910300024603321 Autore Murnane Ben **Titolo** Ayn Rand and the Posthuman: The Mind-Made Future / / by Ben Murnane Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-90853-7 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] 1 online resource (IX, 197 p.) Descrizione fisica 809 Disciplina Soggetti Literature, Modern - 20th century Literature, Modern - 21st century Literature and technology Mass media and literature Literature - Philosophy Contemporary Literature Literature and Technology **Literary Theory** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction: A Posthuman Objective -- Chapter 2: Points of Entry -- Chapter 3: The Posthuman and the Objectivist -- Chapter 4: Rand Noir vs Rand Incorporated -- Chapter 5: Objectivism in BioShock -- Chapter 6: Howard Roark, John Galt, and The Transhumanist Wager -- Chapter 7: Afterword: The Mind-Made Future. Sommario/riassunto Ayn Rand and the Posthuman is a study of the American novelist's relationship with twenty-first-century ideas about technology. Rand wrote science fiction that has inspired Silicon Valley entrepreneurs. politicians, and economists. Ben Murnane demonstrates Rand's connection to, and impact on, those with a "posthuman" vision, in which human and machine merge. The text examines the philosophical intersections between Rand's philosophy of Objectivism and posthumanism, and Rand's influence on transhumanism, a major

branch of posthumanist thought. The book further investigates Rand's presence and portrayal in various examples of posthumanist science

fiction, including Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda, popular videogame BioShock, and Zoltan Istvan's novel The Transhumanist Wager. Considering Rand's influence from a cultural, political, technological, and economic perspective, this study throws light on an underdocumented but highly significant aspect of Rand's legacy.