Record Nr. UNINA9910300576503321 Autore Oware Matthew **Titolo** I Got Something to Say [[electronic resource]]: Gender, Race, and Social Consciousness in Rap Music / / by Matthew Oware Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2018 **ISBN** 3-319-90454-X Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XI, 240 p.) Disciplina 201.7 Soggetti Mass media Communication Cultural studies Music African Americans Culture Gender Men Media Sociology **Cultural Studies** African American Culture Culture and Gender Men's Studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction: Started From the Bottom -- 2. Man Up: Bring the Ruckus -- 3. In the New World Order: The Baddest Bitch -- 4. Coming Straight from the Underground -- 5. Race, Masculinity, and Underground Rap -- 6. Underground Women Rappers -- 7. The Future of Rap Music. Sommario/riassunto What do millennial rappers in the United States say in their music? This timely and compelling book answers this question by decoding the

lyrics of over 700 songs from contemporary rap artists. Using

innovative research techniques, Matthew Oware reveals how emcees

perpetuate and challenge gendered and racialized constructions of masculinity, femininity, and sexuality. Male and female artists litter their rhymes with misogynistic and violent imagery. However, men also express a full range of emotions, from arrogance to vulnerability, conveying a more complex manhood than previously acknowledged. Women emphatically state their desires while embracing a more feminist approach. Even LGBTQ artists stake their claim and express their sexuality without fear. Finally, in the age of Black Lives Matter and the presidency of Donald J. Trump, emcees forcefully politicize their music. Although complicated and contradictory in many ways, rap remains a powerful medium for social commentary.