Record Nr. UNINA9910357851603321 Autore Kramer Reinhold Titolo Are We Postmodern Yet?: And Were We Ever? // by Reinhold Kramer Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2019 3-030-30569-4 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] 1 online resource (333 pages) Descrizione fisica 303.4 Disciplina 303.372 Soggetti Postmodernism Postmodernism (Literature) Ethnology Cultural studies Postmodern Philosophy Postmodern Literature Cultural Anthropology **Cultural Studies** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction: The Contemporary Era -- Chapter 2: Truth or Truths? -- Chapter 3 Ethics: "How I feel at the time" -- Chapter 4: Individualism: "I Believe in Me" -- Chapter 5: Adventures in Cyberculture -- Chapter 6: The Nation -- Chapter 7: Faith and Other Grand Narratives -- Chapter 8: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto In this book, Reinhold Kramer explores a variety of important social changes, including the resistance to objective measures of truth, the rise of "How-I-Feel" ethics, the ascendancy of individualism, the immersion in cyber-simulations, the push toward globalization and multilateralism, and the decline of political and religious faiths. He argues that the displacement, since the 1990s, of grand narratives by ego-based narratives and small narratives has proven inadequate, and that selective adherence, pluralist adaptation, and humanism are more

worthy replacements. Relying on evolutionary psychology as much as on Charles Taylor, Kramer argues that no single answer is possible to

the book title's question, but that the term "postmodernity"—referring to the era, not to postmodernism— still usefully describes major currents within the contemporary world.