Record Nr. UNINA9910433241203321 **Titolo** Imagining ageing: representations of age and ageing in the anglophone literatures / / Carmen Concilio, editor Pubbl/distr/stampa Bielefeld:,: Transcript Verlag,, [2018] ©2018 **ISBN** 3-8394-4426-8 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (213 pages) Aging Studies;; Volume 18 Collana Classificazione HG 431 Disciplina 809.93354 Soggetti Old age in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter 1 Contents 5 Editor's Introduction 7 Preface. Ageing in a Faraway Land 13 Shakespeare's Grandiose Old Men Ageing and the Attainment of Form in Robinson Crusoe 27 The Ageing Confessor and the Young Villain: Shadowy Encounters of a Mirrored Self in Julian Barnes's The Sense of an Ending 41 "Making Sense or No Sense of Existence": The 'Plot' of Thomas Kinsella's Late Poems in the Light of Norberto Bobbio's De senectute 61 A Voice Fit for Winter: Seamus Heaney's Poetry on Ageing in Human Chain 85 "The Mark on the Floor": Alice Munro on Ageing and Alzheimer's Disease in The Bear Came Over the Mountain and Sarah Polley's Away From Her 103 Coming to Terms: Ageing and Moral Regeneration in J. M. Coetzee's Age of Iron and Elizabeth Costello 127 Imagi(ni)ng Ageing: Old Women in J.M. Coetzee and Virginia Woolf. Mrs Curren and Mrs Dalloway 141 "Representing Age and Ageing in New Zealand Literature": The Mori Case 165 Ageing and Neurologic Disease Contributors 203 Sommario/riassunto What do literary texts tell us about growing old? The essays in this volume introduce and explore representations of ageing and old age in

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