Record Nr. UNINA9910451637303321 Autore Reader Keith **Titolo** The abject object [[electronic resource]]: avatars of the phallus in contemporary French theory, literature and film / / Keith Reader Amsterdam: New York, N.Y., Rodopi, 2006 Pubbl/distr/stampa 94-012-0173-0 **ISBN** 1-4237-8913-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (226 p.) Collana Chiasma;;17 Disciplina 840/.9/ French literature - 20th century - History and criticism - Theory, etc Soggetti French literature - 20th century - History and criticism Gender identity in literature Gender identity in motion pictures Masculinity in literature Masculinity in motion pictures Motion pictures - France - History Penis in literature Electronic books. 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 and index. Contents: Introduction: Chapter One: The Lacanian phallus: Chapter Nota di contenuto Two: Abjection: Chapter Three: The abject phallus in fiction: Bataille and Adamov; Chapter Four: Abject phalluses, abject penises: Serge Doubrovsky and Michel Houellebecg; Chapter Five: Phallic narrative transvestism: Christiane Rochefort and Christine Angot; Chapter Six: The abject phallus in cinema: Godard, Ferreri, Eustache, Noe, Bonello; Conclusion; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto This book addresses representations and constructions of masculinity in crisis in contemporary French culture by way of two important concepts - the phallus (largely but not solely in (a) Lacanian sense(s)) and abjection (Kristeva). Scrutiny of these concepts informs readings of

a number of texts - literary (Bataille, Adamov, Doubrovsky,

Houellebecg, Rochefort, Angot) and cinematic (Ferreri, Eustache,

Godard, Noe, Bonello) - in which the abject phallus is a significant factor. The texts chosen all describe or stage crises of masculinity and mastery in ways that suggest that these supposedly be