1. Record Nr. UNINA9910452037303321 Autore Sender Katherine Titolo Business, not politics [[electronic resource]]: the making of the gay market / / Katherine Sender New York,: Columbia University Press, c2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-231-50916-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (329 p.) Collana Between men--between women 658.8/0086/64 Disciplina Soggetti Gay consumers - United States Lesbian consumers - United States Marketing - United States Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Based on author's thesis (doctoral)--University of Massachusetts, Note generali Amherst. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [287]-300) and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- CONTENTS -- Acknowledgments -- 1. The Business and Politics of Gay Marketing -- 2. Evolution, Not Revolution -- 3. Professional Homosexuals -- 4. How Gay Is Too Gay? -- 5. Selling America's Most Affluent Minority -- 6. Neither Fish Nor Fowl -- 7. Sex Sells -- 8. Just Like You -- APPENDIX 1. Pitching the Gay Market --APPENDIX 2. The Gay Marketers -- NOTES -- WORKS CITED -- INDEX -- Backmatter In a hard-hitting book that refutes conventional wisdom, Katherine Sommario/riassunto Sender explores the connection between the business of marketing to gay consumers and the politics of gay rights and identity. She disputes some marketers'claims that marketing appeals to gay and lesbian consumers are a matter of "business, not politics" and that the business of gay marketing can be considered independently of the politics of gay rights, identity, and visibility. She contends that the gay community is not a preexisting entity that marketers simply tap into; rather it is a construction, an imagined community formed not only through political activism but also through a commercially supported media. She argues

that marketing has not only been formative in the constitution of a GLBT community and identity but also has had significant impact on

the visibility of gays and lesbians.