Record Nr. UNINA9910452560403321 Autore Ford Sara J. <1967-, > Titolo Gertrude Stein and Wallace Stevens: the performance of modern consciousness / / Sara J. Ford New York:,: Routledge,, 2002 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-203-61698-7 1-283-88561-1 1-136-06746-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (147 p.) Collana Studies in major literary authors: outstanding dissertations;; v. 14 Disciplina 810.9/112 American literature - 20th century - History and criticism Soggetti Modernism (Literature) - United States Performing arts in literature Consciousness in literature Self in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Based on the author's thesis (Ph. D.). Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Consciousness ungrounded: William James and modernist expression Nota di contenuto -- Relationships in a landscape: Stein's operas and plays and the investigation into modern consciousness -- Language as a blind glass : artistic expression as performance in Stein's Tender buttons -- Stevens' verse plays: the drama of the mind -- Willful illusions: Stevens' poetry and the performance of poetic consciousness. Sommario/riassunto This book traces the presence of the theater, both as an abstract concept and a literal space, in the plays and poetry of Gertrude Stein and Wallace Stevens as it attempts to explain the parallel depictions of consciousness that are found in both authors' work. Literary modernists inherited a self that was fallible, a self that was seen as an ultimately failed gesture of expression, and throughout much modern literature is a sense of disillusionment with more traditional notions of selfhood. As more conventional ways of thinking about consciousness

became untenable, so too did conventional