Record Nr. UNINA9910453655603321 Autore Thornhill Randy **Titolo** The evolutionary biology of human female sexuality [[electronic resource] /] / Randy Thornhill and Steven W. Gangestad Oxford: New York,: Oxford University Press, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-19-988770-5 1-281-82595-6 9786611825959 0-19-971249-2 0-19-971248-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (x, 411 pages): illustrations Altri autori (Persone) GangestadSteven W Disciplina 306.7082 Soggetti Women - Sexual behavior **Evolution (Biology)** Sex (Biology) Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. 331-392) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Background and overview of the book -- Methodology -- Extended female sexuality -- The evolution of human mating systems and parental care -- Female ornaments and signaling -- The evolution of women's permanent ornaments -- Good genes and mate choice --Estrus -- Women's estrus -- Women's estrus, pair-bonding, and extrapair sex -- Concealed fertility -- Coevolutionary processes : men's counterstrategies and women's responses to them -- Reflections. Sommario/riassunto Research conducted in the last fifteen years has placed in question many of the traditional conclusions scholars have formed about human female sexuality. Though conventional wisdom asserts that women's estrus has been evolutionarily lost, Randy Thornhill and Steven W. Gangestad assert that it is present, though concealed. Women, they propose, therefore exhibit two sexualities each ovulatory cycle-estrus and sexuality outside of the estrous phase, extended sexuality-that possess distinct functions. Synthesizing research in behavioral

evolution and comparative biology, the authors provide a new