Record Nr. UNINA9910455267503321 Autore Murray Stuart <1967-> **Titolo** Representing autism [[electronic resource]]: culture, narrative, fascination / / Stuart Murray Liverpool,: Liverpool University Press, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-84631-091-1 **ISBN** 1-84631-466-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (254 p.) Collana Representations Disciplina 306.461 Soggetti Autism Autism in literature Developmentally disabled - Social conditions Sociology of disability Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 11 Aug 2017). Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Autism and narrative -- Presences: autistic difference -- Idiots and savants -- Witnessing -- Boys and girls, men and women -- In our time: families and sentiments -- Causing/curing/caring. From concerns of an 'autism epidemic' to the MMR vaccine crisis, Sommario/riassunto autism is a source of peculiar fascination in the contemporary media. Discussion of the condition has been largely framed within medicine. psychiatry and education but there has been no exploration of its power within representative narrative forms. This book tackles this approach, using contemporary fiction and memoir writing, film, photography, drama and documentary together with older texts to set the contemporary fascination with autism in context. Central to the book is a sense of the legitimacy of autistic presence as a way by which

we might more fully articulate what it means to be human.