Record Nr. UNINA9910456195603321 Autore Korte Barbara <1957-> Titolo Body language in literature / / Barbara Korte Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York];; London, [England]:,: University of Toronto Press, , 1997 ©1997 **ISBN** 1-282-00320-8 9786612003202 1-4426-7149-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (340 p.) Collana Theory / Culture 823.009/353 Disciplina Soggetti English fiction - History and criticism Nonverbal communication in literature Body language in literature Human body in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Livello bibliografico Monografia Originally published as: Korpersprache in der Literatur: Theorie und Note generali Geschichte am Beispiel englischer Erzahlprosa. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preliminary Note -- 1. Rationale and Purpose -- 2. Body Language in Literature and the Arts: Past and Present Research -- 3. Categories of Body Language -- 4. Body Language in the Narrative Text: A Literary-Critical Perspective -- 5. Body Language and the Aesthetic of the Novel -- 6. Literary Body Language in Context -- Conclusion -- Appendix -- Notes --References -- Index Sommario/riassunto The tilt of a head, the guirk of an eyebrow, or a shift in position can eloquently portray a wide range of emotions without a single word being spoken. Body language is a critical component of everyday communication, vet the importance of body language, or non-verbal communication, in such a verbal medium as literature has not been fully studied. In Body Language in Literature, Barbara Korte has

produced an important interdisciplinary study, by establishing a general theory that accounts for the varieties of body language

encountered in literary narrative, based on a general history of the phenomenon in the English language. By focusing major works of literature, including stories by D.H. Laurence, Margaret Atwood, and J. D. Salinger, Korte shows body language to be a vital, yet unexplored method of communication in literature.