Record Nr. UNINA9910456984703321 Autore Higginson Pim **Titolo** The noir Atlantic [[electronic resource]]: Chester Himes and the birth of the francophone African crime novel / / Pim Higginson Liverpool,: Liverpool University Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-78138-782-6 1-84631-704-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (224 p.) Collana Contemporary French and francophone cultures Disciplina 843.08721 Detective and mystery stories Soggetti French-Canadian fiction - History African fiction (French) - History 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 and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Half-title; Title; Copyright; Contents; Acknowledgements; Introduction: The Frivolous Literary; 1 "Pas de litterature": Abasse Ndione and the Rise of Crime; 2 Minor Mistranslations: Simon Njami and the Making of a Parisianist Himes; 3 Crime Pays: Achille Ngoye and the Serie noire; 4 Ethnographic Erotics: Bolya and the Writing of the Other; 5 Terreur Rose: Terreur Rose: Kouty, memoire de sang and the Gendering of Noir; 6 Going out Blazing: Mongo Beti's Last Two Novels; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Noir Atlantic follows the influence of African American author Chester Himes on Francophone African crime fiction. In 1953, Chester Himes emigrated to Paris where he struggled to publish, just as he had in the United States, until the "Harlem Domestic Series" transformed the author into a cult figure for a generation of Parisian readers who appreciated the blend of absurdist humor and violence. For African authors, these novels also modeled an escape from a high literary paradigm inherited from the colonial experience. Himes's ambiguous

role as a famous "French" writer paradoxically also made