Record Nr. UNINA9910457377003321 Autore Smith Sidonie **Titolo** Reading autobiography [[electronic resource]]: a guide for interpreting life narratives / / Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson Minneapolis, : University of Minnesota Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8166-8778-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (314 p.) Altri autori (Persone) WatsonJulia <1945-> 808/.06692 Disciplina Soggetti Autobiography Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references (p. 227-267) and index. Nota di bibliografia Contents: Preface: Acknowledgments: 1. Life Narrative: Definitions and Nota di contenuto Distinctions; 2. Autobiographical Subjects; 3. Autobiographical Acts; 4. Life Narrative in Historical Perspective; 5. A History of Autobiography Criticism. Part 1: Defining the Genre: 6. A History of Autobiography Criticism, Part 2: Contemporary Theorizing; 7. A Tool Kit: Twenty Strategies for Reading Life Narratives; Appendixes; Notes; Bibliography: Index Sommario/riassunto Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson offer a concise yet far-reaching overview of key terms, issues, histories, and texts in life narrative studies. Reading Autobiography is a step-by-step introduction to the differences of self-narrative from fiction and biography; the components of autobiographical acts; such core concepts as memory. experience, identity, agency, and the body; the textual and critical history of the field; and prospects for future research. Organized as a user-friendly handbook, it includes a glossary of key words,

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