Record Nr. UNINA9910457633703321 Autore Mitchell Koritha Titolo Living with lynching [[electronic resource]]: African American lynching plays, performance, and citizenship, 1890-1930 / / Koritha Mitchell Urbana, : University of Illinois Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-58290-2 9786613895356 0-252-09352-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (271 p.) Collana The new black studies series Disciplina 812/.509896073 American drama - African American authors - History and criticism Soggetti American drama - 20th century - History and criticism American drama - 19th century - History and criticism One-act plays, American - History and criticism Lynching in literature African Americans in literature Violence in literature Citizenship in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Making lynching drama and its contributions legible. Scenes and scenarios: reading aright -- Redefining "black theater" -- Developing a genre, asserting black citizenship. The black soldier: elevating community conversation -- The black lawyer : preserving testimony --The black mother/wife: negotiating trauma -- The pimp and coward: offering gendered revisions. Sommario/riassunto 'Living with Lynching' demonstrates that popular lynching plays were mechanisms through which African American communities survived actual and photographic mob violence. Often available in periodicals, lynching plays were read aloud or acted out by black church members, schoolchildren, and families. Koritha Mitchell shows that African

Americans performed and read the scripts in community settings to

certify to each other that lynching victims were not the isolated brutes that dominant discourses made them out to be. Instead, the play scripts often described victims as honourable heads of households being torn from model domestic units by white violence.