Record Nr. UNINA9910459072003321 Autore Robinson Benjamin <1962-> **Titolo** The skin of the system [[electronic resource]]: on Germany's socialist modernity / / Benjamin Robinson Stanford, Calif., : Stanford University Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8047-7248-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (369 p.) Disciplina 838/.91409 Soggetti Socialism and literature - Germany (East) Socialism - Germany (East) Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [327]-343) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: on socialist vacation -- Utopia and actuality: what is to be done with really existing socialism? -- Other systems: mud, mana, money -- The skin of the system and the DIN of the system: a poetics of sovereignty and system -- Diabolical transformations : a necessary comrade -- Tertium non datur: the systems erotics of socialism --Camps, laws, and plans: the socialist camp -- Revolutionary laws: emergence and emergency -- Plans, leaps, heaps : the measure of the human -- The DIN of the system: the devil's due. The Skin of the System objects to the idea that there is only one Sommario/riassunto modernity-that of liberal capitalism. Starting from the simple conviction that whatever else East German socialism was, it was real, this book focuses on what made historical socialism different from social systems in the West. In this way, the study elicits the general question: what must we think in order to think an other system at all? To approach this question, Robinson turns to the remarkable writer Franz Fuhmann, the East German who most single-mindedly dedicated

himself to understanding what it