1. Record Nr. UNINA9910460447003321 Autore Zimbardo Rose A. **Titolo** At zero point: discourse, culture, and satire in Restoration England // Rose A. Zimbardo Lexington, Kentucky:,: The University Press of Kentucky,, 1998 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©1998 **ISBN** 0-8131-8512-2 0-8131-5858-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (216 p.) Disciplina 827/.409 Soggetti Satire, English - History and criticism English literature - Early modern, 1500-1700 - History and criticism Semiotics and literature - England - History - 17th century Language and culture - England - History - 17th century Electronic books. Great Britain History Restoration, 1660-1688 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [172]-189) and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Half-title; Title; Copyright; Dedication; Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction; 1. ""From Words to Experimental Philosophy"": Language and Logic at Restoration Zero Point; 2. The Semiotics of Restoration Deconstructive Satire; 3. No ""I"" and No ""Eye""; I. ""Author,"" ""Speaker,"" ""Character"" in Restoration Deconstructive Satire; II. Not Him: Oldham's ""Aude aliquid. Ode""; III. Not Them: Wycherley's The Plain Dealer; IV. No-One, No-Place, No-Thing: Swift's Tale of a Tub; 4. Genders, Sexualities, and Discourse at Restoration Zero Point 5. The Discursively Central ""I"" and the Telescope of Discoursel. ""The Proper Study of Mankind is M(E)""; II. Ordered and Ordering: The NewTheory of Satire: III. Satiric Discourse and the Sacred Nation; IV. The ""Other"" End of the Telescope; Conclusion; Notes; Index Sommario/riassunto At Zero Point presents an entirely new way of looking at Restoration culture, discourse, and satire. The book locates a rupture in English

culture and epistemology not at the end of the eighteenth century

(when it occurred in France) but at the end of the seventeenth century. Rose Zimbardo's hypothesis is based on Hans Blumenberg's concept of ""zero point"" -- the moment when an epistemology collapses under the weight of questions it has itself raised and simultaneously a new epistemology begins to construct itself. Zimbardo demonstrates that the Restoration marked both the collapse of the Re