Record Nr. UNINA9910462907603321 Autore Morrissette Noelle Titolo James Weldon Johnson's modern soundscapes [[electronic resource] /] / by Noelle Morrissette Iowa City,: University of Iowa Press, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-60938-159-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (260 p.) Disciplina 818/.5209 Soggetti Music in literature Electronic books. Harlem (New York, N.Y.) Intellectual life 20th century 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 and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: The Ragtime Reinventions of James Weldon (William) Johnson -- Biography of the Race: Musical Comedy and the Modern Soundscape of the Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man -- Cultures of Talk: Diplomacy, Nation, and Race in the Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man -- The Interpolated Body: Passing, Same-sex Talk, and Discursive Formations in the Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man --Cosmopolitan Travels: Diplomacy, Translation, and Performance in the Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man (Der Weisse Neger, 1928) and God's Trombones -- Framing Black Expressive Culture: Prefaces to the Book of American Negro Poetry, the Book of American Negro Spirituals, and God's Trombones -- "The Creation": God's Trombones and Johnson's Formation of a Black Modernist Poetics -- From Noun to Verb: Black Phonographic Voice in Black Manhattan -- Not the Story of My Life: Along This Way -- Afterword: Remembering James Weldon Johnson. Sommario/riassunto James Weldon Johnson's Modern Soundscapes provides an evocative and meticulously researched study of one of the best known and yet least understood authors of the New Negro Renaissance era. Johnson, familiar to many as an early civil rights leader active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and an intentionally

controversial writer on the subject of the significance of race in America, was one of the most prolific, wide-ranging, and yet elusive

authors of twentieth-century African American literature.Johnson realized early in his