Record Nr. UNINA9910463087403321 Autore McCaffery Steve **Titolo** The darkness of the present [[electronic resource]]: poetics, anachronism, and the anomaly / / Steve McCaffery Tuscaloosa,: University of Alabama Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8173-8642-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (298 p.) Collana Modern and contemporary poetics 808.1 Disciplina Soggetti **Poetics** Poetry 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 and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents; List of Illustrations; Acknowledgments; Introduction: Linearity, Anomaly, and Anachronism: Toward an Archaeology of the New: 1. Cacophony, Abstraction, and Potentiality: The Fate of the Dada Sound Poem; 2. Corrosive Poetics: The Relief Composition of Ronald Johnson's Radi os; 3. Interpretation and the Limit Text: An Approach to Jackson Mac Low's Words nd Ends from Ez; 4. Transcoherence and Deletion: The Mesostic Writings of John Cage; 5. A Chapter of Accidents: Disfiguration and the Marbled Page in Laurence Sterne's The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman 6. From Muse to Mousepad: Informatics and the Avant-Garde7. Parapoetics and the Architectural Leap; 8. "To Lose One's Way" (For Snails and Nomads): The Radical Labyrinths of Constant and Arakawa and Gins; 9. Difficult Harmony: The Picturesque Detail in Gilpin, Price, and Clark Coolidge's Space; 10. The 'Pataphysics of Auschwitz; 11. The Instrumental Nightingale: Some Counter-Musical Inflections in Poetry from Gray to Celan; Notes; Works Cited; Index Sommario/riassunto The Darkness of the Present includes essays that collectively investigate the roles of anomaly and anachronism as they work to unsettle commonplace notions of the "contemporary" in the field of poetics. In the eleven essays of The Darkness of the Present, poet and critic Steve

> McCaffery argues that by approaching the past and the present as unified entities, the contemporary is made historical at the same time

as the historical is made contemporary. McCaffery's writings work against the urge to classify works by placing