Record Nr. UNINA9910465403503321 Autore Narveson Kate **Titolo** Bible readers and lay writers in early modern England: gender and selfdefinition in an emergent writing culture / / Kate Narveson London:,: Routledge,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-317-17443-7 1-315-56930-2 1-317-17442-9 1-4094-4168-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (246 p.) Collana Material Readings in Early Modern Culture 274.2/06 Disciplina Soggetti Spiritual journals - Authorship Electronic books. England Church history 16th century England Church history 17th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia First published 2012 by Ashgate Publishing. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Reading the Bible: clerical prescriptions and lay reading practices --The emergence of lay composition -- Application to the self: reading and the restructuring of identity -- Recording identity: scripturalist devotion among ordinary layfolk -- Discursive horizons and the question of gender -- The devotional page and the schoolroom of print -- Grace Mildmay's meditations: love letters from God and their Scriptural authorization. Sommario/riassunto Analysing print and manuscript sources from 1580 to 1660, this volume studies how lay immersion in the Bible gave rise to a nonprofessional writing culture. Narveson examines the development of that culture, looking at the close connection between reading and writing practices, the influence of gender and the emergence of writing as a key practice of lay devotion. She also explores the attendant clerical anxiety, as layfolk assumed control of their spiritual selfdefinition.