Record Nr. UNINA9910465641403321 Autore Bennett Andrew <1949-> Titolo Ignorance [[electronic resource]]: literature and agnoiology / / Andrew Bennett Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester, U.K.;; New York,: Manchester University Press New York, : Distributed in the U.S. exclusively by Palgrave Macmillan, 2009 **ISBN** 1-84779-672-9 1-78170-242-X 1-84779-269-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (273 p.) Disciplina 823.809 Soggetti English literature - 19th century - History and criticism English literature - 20th century - History and criticism Ignorance (Theory of knowledge) in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto 9780719074875; 9780719074875; Copyright Page; Contents; Acknowledgements: Introduction: 1 Ignorance and philosophy: 2 Literary ignorance; 3 To see as poets do:Romanticism, the sublime and poetic ignorance; 4 The opposite of epistemology: Keatsian nescience; 5 Our ignorance of others: Middlemarch and Great Expectations: 6 Joseph Conrad's blindness; 7 Children, deathand the enigmatic signifier: Wordsworth and Bowen; 8 Monsters and trees:epistemelancholia in David Hume and Henry James; 9 American ignorance: Philip Roth's American trilogy; 10 The politics of authorial ignorance:contemporary poetry Index Sommario/riassunto Andrew Bennett argues in this fascinating book that ignorance is part of the narrative and poetic force of literature and is an important aspect of its thematic focus: ignorance is what literary texts are about. He sees

that the dominant conception of literature since the Romantic period involves an often unacknowledged engagement with the experience of

not knowing. From Wordsworth and Keats to George Eliot and Charles Dickens, from Henry James to Joseph Conrad, from Elizabeth Bowen to Philip Roth and Seamus Heaney, writers have been fascinated and compelled by the question of ignorance, inclu