Record Nr. UNINA9910467709403321 Autore Furlan Laura M. Titolo Indigenous cities: urban Indian fiction and the histories of relocation / / Laura M. Furlan Pubbl/distr/stampa Lincoln, [Nebraska];; London, [England]:,: University of Nebraska Press, , 2017 ©2017 **ISBN** 1-4962-0272-4 1-4962-0274-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Disciplina 810.9/897 Soggetti American fiction - Indian authors - History and criticism Indians in literature Cities and towns in literature Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Machine generated contents note: List of Illustrations Acknowledgments Introduction 1. An Indigenous Awakening 2. The Urban Ghost Dance 3. Roots and Routes of the Hub 4. The City as Confluence -- Epilogue Source Acknowledgments Notes Bibliography Index. Sommario/riassunto "A critical study of contemporary American Indian narratives set in urban spaces that reveals how these texts respond to diaspora. dislocation, citizenship, and reclamation"--"In Indigenous Cities Laura M. Furlan demonstrates that stories of the urban experience are essential to an understanding of modern Indigeneity. She situates Native identity among theories of diaspora, cosmopolitanism, and transnationalism by examining urban narratives--such as those written by Sherman Alexie, Janet Campbell Hale, Louise Erdrich, and Susan Power--along with the work of filmmakers and artists. In these stories, Native peoples navigate new surroundings, find and reformulate community, and maintain and

redefine Indian identity in the postrelocation era. These narratives

illuminate the changing relationship between urban Indigenous peoples and theirtribal nations and territories and the ways in which new cosmopolitan bonds both reshape and are interpreted by tribal identities. Though the majority of American Indigenous populations do not reside on reservations, these spaces regularly define discussions and literature about Native citizenship and identity. Meanwhile, conversations about the shift to urban settings often focus on elements of dispossession, subjectivity, and assimilation. Furlan takes a critical look at Indigenous fiction from the last three decades to present a new way of looking at urban experiences that explains mobility and relocation as a form of resistance. In these stories Indian bodies are not bound by state-imposed borders or confined to Indian Country as it is traditionally conceived. Furlan demonstrates that cities have always been Indian land and Indigenous peoples have always been cosmopolitan and urban."--