Record Nr. UNINA9910476803003321 Autore Jackson Bruce Titolo Get your ass in the water and swim like me: African American narrative poetry from oral tradition / / Bruce Jackson [Place of publication not identified]:,: Taylor & Francis,, 2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvi, 244 pages) 813.4 Disciplina Soggetti African Americans American poetry - African American authors Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Telling and learning toasts -- Functions and themes: violence, sex, and the failure of romance -- Pimps and their ladies: insult and reputation -- Badman and trickster: functional outsiders -- Shine and the Titanic: goodbye to Charlie -- Beyond poetry -- Badmen, crime, and jail --Pimps, whores, and other lovers and friends -- Freaks and supersex --Signifying and poolshooting monkey -- The Titanic toasts --Miscellaneous narratives -- Short versus and drinking toasts. Sommario/riassunto "Get Your Ass in the Water and Swim Like Me" is considered one of the great, classic collections of African-American literature and folklore. Originally published by in 1974, it quickly gained the reputation as a classic collection of black folk poetry. This book will delight students of African-American culture and folklore, and anyone who enjoys the double entendres and hidden meanings found in the oral tradition,

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