Record Nr. UNINA9910480193203321 Mocking Bird Technologies: The Poetics of Parroting, Mimicry, and **Titolo** Other Starling Tropes / / Melanie D. Holm, Christopher GoGwilt Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, NY:,: Fordham University Press,, [2018] ©2018 **ISBN** 0-8232-8052-7 0-8232-7851-4 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (1 PDF (ix, 293 pages) :) : illustrations Disciplina 598.8/63 Soggetti Birds in literature Mimicry (Biology) Mimesis in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction. Parrots and Starlings -- 1. "O Friends, There Are No Friends": The Aesthetics of Avian Sympathy in Defoe and Sterne -- 2. The Avian Challenge of Cotton Mather's Biblia Americana; or, The Pigeon Effect -- 3. Smart's Professors: Birdsong and Rhetorical Agency in Jubilate Agno -- 4. A Volatile Unity: Coleridge, Starling Murmurations, and Romantic Form --5. Words Are for the Birds: "Non- reasoning Creatures Capable of Speech" in the Writings of Schreber and Poe -- 6. Splitting the Lyric Lark; or, Dickinson's Music Box -- 7. The Starling's Whistle: Autophilology and the Order of Osip Mandel'shtam's Birds -- 8. Colonial and Postcolonial Birds of Game, Games of Bird -- 9. Of Mimicry, Birds, and Words: The Technology of Starling Song in European, American, and Indonesian Poetry -- 10. Yogini and Mynah Bird: On the Poetics and Politics of Transspecies Meditation --Afterword. A Starling Manifesto for Mocking Bird Technologies -- Coda. Tornada, in Starling Form -- List of Contributors -- Index Sommario/riassunto Contributors: Madeleine Brainerd, Joe Conway, Fraser Easton,

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Sourgen. Mocking Bird Technologies brings together a range of perspectives to offer an extended meditation on bird mimicry in literature: the way birds mimic humans, the way humans mimic birds. and the way mimicry of any kind involves technologies that extend across as well as beyond languages and species. The essays examine the historical, poetic, and semiotic problem of mimesis exemplified both by the imitative behavior of parrots, starlings, and other mocking birds, and by the poetic trope of such birds in a range of literary and philological traditions. Drawing from a cross-section of traditional periods and fields in literary studies (18th-century studies, romantic studies, early American studies, 20th-century studies, and postcolonial studies), the collection offers new models for combining comparative and global studies of literature and culture. Editors Christopher GoGwilt is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Fordham University. He is the author of The Passage of Literature: Genealogies of Modernism in Conrad, Rhys, and Pramoedya (Oxford, 2011), The Fiction of Geopolitics: Afterimages of Culture from Wilkie Collins to Alfred Hitchcock (Stanford, 2000), and The Invention of the West: Joseph Conrad and the Double-Mapping of Europe and Empire (Stanford, 1995). Melanie D. Holm is Assistant Professor of the English Department and Graduate Program of Literature and Criticism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She also teaches in the university's Women's and Gender Studies program. Her scholarly focus is on eighteenth-century literature and skepticism. Contributors Madeleine Brainerd taught at Washington University in St. Louis and at Excelsion College. Since 2004 she has taught therapeutic yoga and medical qi gong in New York City, at the Integral Yoga Institute, Kenshikai Dojo, Gouverneur Hospital, and other venues. She studies histories of yoga's intersections with ecological in/justice, animality, and affect theory. Joe Conway is an Assistant Professor of American Literature at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. His articles have appeared or are scheduled to appear in the journals Women's Studies, Early American Literature, and Nineteenth-Century Contexts. He is currently at work on a monograph about the social life of antebellum money that charts how discourses of noneconomic phenomena such as medicine, race, nationalism, and aesthetics informed nineteenth-century debates about what constitutes good money. Fraser Easton is Associate Professor of English, University of Waterloo, Canada. A specialist in eighteenthcentury literature, he has published on Jane Austen, Daniel Defoe, Maria Edgeworth, and Christopher Smart, as well as on newspaper records and historical accounts of passing women in the eighteenth century. Shari Goldberg is Assistant Professor of English at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She is the author of Quiet Testimony: A Theory of Witnessing from Nineteenth-Century American Literature (Fordham, 2013). She has also published essays on silence. politics, and personhood in American literature. Her current research focuses on late-nineteenth-century models of mind and person in narrative and psychological writing. Sarah Kay teaches French and Medieval Studies at New York University. She has written widely on medieval literature across languages, genres, and periods; her work combines the study of medieval texts, especially troubadour songs, with philosophical and theoretical inquiry. Her two most recent books are Parrots and Nightingales: Troubadour Quotations and the Development of European Poetry (2013) and Animal Skins and the Reading Self in Medieval Latin and French Bestiaries (2017). Kaori Kitao (William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Art History, Emerita, Swarthmore College) taught art history at Swarthmore College from 1966 to 2001. She was born in Tokyo and studied architecture at UC Berkeley and art

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