Record Nr. UNINA9910485146503321 Autore Chambers Claire <1975-> **Titolo** Making sense of contemporary British Muslim novels / / Claire Chambers Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Palgrave Macmillan,, [2019] **ISBN** 1-137-52089-2 Edizione [1st edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xxxviii, 302 pages) Disciplina 823.9209921297 Soggetti Literature British literature Oriental literature Literature, Modern - 20th century Literature, Modern - 21st century **Fiction** Postcolonial/World Literature British and Irish Literature Asian Literature Contemporary Literature Twentieth-Century Literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. 'Touch Me, Baby': Ahdaf Soueif's In the Eye of the Sun -- 2. 'I Nota di contenuto Wanted a Human Touch': Hanif Kureishi's The Black Album -- 3. Fiction of Olfaction: Nadeem Aslam's Maps for Lost Lovers and Monica Ali's Brick Lane -- 4. Taste the Difference: Leila Aboulela, Yasmin Crowther, and Robin Yassin-Kassab -- 5. Sound and Fury: Tabish Khair's Just Another Jihadi Jane and Kamila Shamsie's Home Fire -- 6. The Doors of Posthuman Sensory Perception in Mohsin Hamid's Exit West. Sommario/riassunto This book is the sequel to Britain Through Muslim Eyes and examines contemporary novelistic representations of and by Muslims in Britain. It builds on studies of the five senses and 'sensuous geographies' of postcolonial Britain, and charts the development since 1988 of a fascinating and important body of fiction by Muslim-identified authors.

It is a selective literary history, exploring case-study novelistic representations of and by Muslims in Britain to allow in-depth critical analysis through the lens of sensory criticism. It argues that, for authors of Muslim heritage in Britain, writing the senses is often a double-edged act of protest. Some of the key authors excoriate a suppression or cover-up of non-heteronormativity and women's rights that sometimes occurs in Muslim communities. Yet their protest is especially directed at secular culture's ocularcentrism and at successive British governments' efforts to surveil, control, and suppress Muslim bodies.