Record Nr. UNINA9910528605303321 Representations of death in nineteenth-century US writing and culture **Titolo** [[electronic resource] /] / edited by Lucy E. Frank Pubbl/distr/stampa Aldershot, Hants, England;; Burlington, VT,: Ashgate Pub., c2007 **ISBN** 1-351-15022-7 1-281-89369-2 9786611893699 0-7546-8413-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (247 p.) Collana Warwick studies in the humanities Altri autori (Persone) FrankLucy Elizabeth <1973-> Disciplina 810.9/3548 American literature - 19th century - History and criticism Soggetti Death in literature Death - Social aspects - United States - History - 19th century Mourning customs in literature Indians in literature African Americans in literature Children in literature Suicide in literature Electronic books. United States Intellectual life 19th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Contents; List of Illustrations; Notes on Contributors; Acknowledgements; Introduction: Curious Dreams: Representations of Death in Nineteenth-Century US Writing and Culture; Part 1 Death, Citizenship and the Politics of Mourning; Part 2 Signatures and Elegies; Part 3 Cultures of Death; Index Sommario/riassunto This collection traces the vicissitudes of the cultural preoccupation with death in nineteenth-century US writing and examines how mortality served paradoxically as a site on which identity and subjectivity were productively rethought. Topics include race- and gender-based investigations into the textual representation of death, imaginative

constructions and re-constructions of social practice with regard to loss and memorialisation, and literary re-conceptualisations of death forced by personal and national trauma.