Record Nr. UNINA9910777553403321 Autore Kowaleski-Wallace Elizabeth <1954-> Titolo The British slave trade and public memory / / Elizabeth Kowaleski Wallace Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Columbia University Press,, 2006 ©2006 **ISBN** 0-231-13715-X 0-231-51031-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (263 pages): illustrations 306.3620941 Disciplina Slave trade - Great Britain - History - Public opinion Soggetti Public opinion - Great Britain Slave trade in literature Slavery in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Frontmatter -- Contents -- List of Illustrations -- Preface --Nota di contenuto Introduction. Millennial Reckonings -- 1. Commemorating the Transatlantic Slave Trade in Liverpool and Bristol -- 2. Fictionalizing Slavery in the United Kingdom, 1990-2000 -- 3. Seeing Slavery and the Slave Trade -- 4. Transnationalism and Performance in 'Biyi Bandele's Oroonoko -- Conclusion -- Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto How does a contemporary society restore to its public memory a momentous event like its own participation in transatlantic slavery? What are the stakes of once more restoring the slave trade to public memory? What can be learned from this history? Elizabeth Kowaleski Wallace explores these questions in her study of depictions and remembrances of British involvement in the slave trade. Skillfully incorporating a range of material, Wallace discusses and analyzes how museum exhibits, novels, television shows, movies, and a play created and produced in Britain from 1990 to 2000 grappled with the subject of slavery. Topics discussed include a walking tour in the former slave-

trading port of Bristol; novels by Caryl Phillips and Barry Unsworth; a television adaptation of Jane Austen's Mansfield Park; and a revival of

Aphra Behn's Oroonoko for the Royal Shakespeare Company. In each case, Wallace reveals how these works and performances illuminate and obscure the history of the slave trade and its legacy. While Wallace focuses on Britain, her work also speaks to questions of how the United States and other nations remember inglorious chapters from their past.