Record Nr. UNINA9910777554103321 Autore Jakle John A **Titolo** Signs in America's auto age [[electronic resource]]: signatures of landscape and place / / by John A. Jakle and Keith A. Sculle Iowa City,: University of Iowa Press, 2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-58729-482-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (257 p.) Collana American land and life series 659.13/42/0973 Disciplina Soggetti Signs and signboards - United States Advertising, Outdoor - United States Social interaction - United States Landscapes - United States Cities and towns - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents; Foreword; Preface and Acknowledgments; Introduction; Part One: Commercial Signs; 1: Signs Downtown; 2: Signs on Main Street; 3 : Roadside Signs; Part Two: Signing Public Places; 4: Traffic Signs; 5: Signs and Community; Part Three Signing Personal Space; 6: Territorial Markers and Signs of Personal Identity; Part Four: Sign Aesthetics; 7: Signs and Landscape Visualization; 8: Sign Regulation; Epilogue; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Signs orient, inform, persuade, and regulate. They help give meaning to our natural and human-built environment, to landscape and place. In Signs in America's Auto Age, cultural geographer John Jakle and historian Keith Sculle explore the ways in which we take meaning from outdoor signs and assign meaning to our surroundings-the ways we "read" landscape. With an emphasis on how the use of signs changed as the nation's geography reorganized around the coming of the automobile, Jakle and Sculle consider the vast array of signs that have

evolved since the beginning of the twentieth century.