1. Record Nr. UNINA9910777591903321 Autore Rozik Eli **Titolo** The Roots of Theatre [[electronic resource]]: Rethinking Ritual and Other Theories of Origin Iowa City,: University of Iowa Press, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (385 p.) Collana Studies Theatre Hist & Culture Disciplina 792.01 792/.01 Soggetti Rites and ceremonies Theater -- Origin Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di contenuto Introduction; Part One. Theories of Origins; 1. Basic Definitions; 2. The Ritual Origin of Tragedy; 3. The Ritual Origin of Comedy; 4. The Shamanistic Source; 5. The Recreation of Theatre by Christianity; 6. The Mummers' Plays; 7. The Adoption of Theatre by Judaism; 8. Back to Aristotle; Part Two. Hedges and Boundaries; 9. Performance Theory; 10. The "Drama" of Real Life; 11. The Spirit of Carnival; 12. Culture as Play/Game: Part Three. A Theory of Roots: 13. The ""Language"" of Dreams: 14. Playing as Thinking: 15. Mythical Representation: 16. Retracing the Steps of History 17. Reflections and ConclusionsBibliography; Index The topic of the origins of theatre is one of the most controversial in Sommario/riassunto theatre studies, with a long history of heated discussions and strongly held positions. In The Roots of Theatre, Eli Rozik enters the debate in a feisty way, offering not just another challenge to those who place theatre's origins in ritual and religion but also an alternative theory of roots based on the cultural and psychological conditions that made the

advent of theatre possible.