Record Nr. UNINA9910778423303321 Autore **Nelstrop Louise** Titolo Christian mysticism [[electronic resource]]: an introduction to contemporary theoretical approaches / / Louise Nelstrop, Kevin Magill, and Bradley B. Onishi Farnham, Surrey, England; ; Burlington, VT, : Ashgate, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-317-16669-8 1-315-57188-9 1-282-34470-6 9786612344701 0-7546-8695-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 p.) Altri autori (Persone) MagillKevin J. <1972-> OnishiBradley B 248.2/2 Disciplina Soggetti Mysticism Philosophy and religion Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover: Contents: Preface and Acknowledgements: Introduction: Contemporary Theoretical Approaches; Part I Key Themes and Motifs; 1 Platonism and Christian Mysticism; 2 Negative or Apophatic Language; 3 Selfhood and Interiority; 4 Erotic Imagery; 5 Hierarchy; 6 Symbolism and Scripture's 'Mystical Sense'; Part II Later Developments in Christian Mysticism; 7 Female Mysticism; 8 Visionary Mysticism; 9 Imaginative Mysticism, Meditation and Experience: 10 Mysticism and Heresy: III Postmodern Re-Readings of Pseudo-Denys and Augustine 11 Exploring Negative Language through Pseudo-Denys: Derrida and Marion12 Exploring Selfhood through Augustine: Marion, Derrida and Lyotard; Conclusion: What is Christian Mysticism?; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto This book introduces students to Christian mysticism and modern critical responses to it. Christianity has a rich tradition of mystical theology that first emerged in the writings of the early church fathers,

and flourished during the Middle Ages. Today Christian mysticism is increasingly recognised as an important Christian heritage relevant to

today's spiritual seekers. The book sets out to provide students and other interested readers with access to the main theoretical approaches to Christian mysticism - including those propounded by William James, Steven Katz, Bernard McGinn, Michael Sells