Record Nr. UNINA9910779066903321 Autore Engel William E. <1957-, > Titolo Early modern poetics in Melville and Poe: memory, melancholy, and the emblematic tradition / / William E. Engel London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-315-57849-2 1-317-14686-7 1-317-14685-9 1-283-48001-8 9786613480019 1-4094-3587-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (204 p.) Disciplina 813/.309 Soggetti Memory in literature Chiasmus Melancholy in literature Influence (Literary, artistic, etc.) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico First published 2012 by Ashgate Publishing. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction: stylistic choices and intellectual armature -- Melville's melancholy landscapes. Salvator R.Tarnmoor's mnemonic itinerary; Allegories of decay and the decay of allegory; Mime and masquerade in the theatrum mundi -- Poe's mirrored memory palaces. The William Wilson effect; Magical architecture and chiastic echoes; Emblems of mournful and never-ending remembrance -- Conclusion : reclaiming irredeemable loss -- Appendix ("The raven"). Sommario/riassunto While other scholars have remarked on the influence of seventeenthcentury literature on Melville and Poe, Engel is the first to explore how their close readings of early modern texts influenced their compositional practice. Rather than simply offering an account of what these authors read, Engel focuses principally on the overlapping

rhetorical and iconic assumptions of the Art of Memory and its relation to chiasmus in order to illustrate the authors' profound debt to the