Record Nr. UNINA9910779315003321 Autore Gowland Rebecca **Titolo** Human identity and identification [[electronic resource] /] / Rebecca Gowland and Tim Thompson Cambridge:,: Cambridge University Press,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-107-23375-5 **ISBN** 1-139-60988-2 1-139-02998-3 1-139-60840-1 1-139-61546-7 1-139-62476-8 1-139-61174-7 1-139-62104-1 1-283-94304-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (x, 225 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Classificazione SOC002020 Disciplina 301 Soggetti Forensic anthropology Identification Human body Identity (Psychology) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015). Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Machine generated contents note: Dedication; Acknowledgements; 1. Introduction: 2. Categories of identity and identification: 3. The skin: 4. Blood and guts; 5. The skeleton; 6. Biomolecular identification and identity; 7. Intentional modification of the phenotype; 8. Conclusions: identity and identification; References; Index. Few things are as interesting to us as our own bodies and, by Sommario/riassunto extension, our own identities. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the relationship between the body, environment and society. Reflecting upon these developments, this book examines the role of the body in human identification, in the forging of identities, and the ways in which it embodies our social worlds. The approach is

integrative, taking a uniquely biological perspective and reflecting on current discourse in the social sciences. With particular reference to bioarchaeology and forensic science, the authors focus on the construction and categorisation of the body within scientific and popular discourse, examining its many tissues, from the outermost to the innermost, from the skin to DNA. Synthesising two, traditionally disparate, strands of research, this is a valuable contribution to research on human identification and the embodiment of identity.