Record Nr. UNINA9910781557003321 Autore Moura-Kocoglu Michaela Titolo Narrating Indigenous modernities [[electronic resource]]: transcultural dimensions in contemporary Maori literature / / Michaela Moura-Kocoglu Amsterdam, : Rodopi, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-36627-4 9786613366276 94-012-0697-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (330 p.) Cross/cultures;;141 Collana Disciplina 860.9/98 Soggetti Maori literature Multiculturalism in literature **New Zealand Literatures** Maori Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material -- "Things are not exactly black or white in Aotearoa": The Many Facets of Kiwi Identity -- Fragmentation Reconsidered: Transcultural Identities in the Making -- Narratives of (Be)Longing: Mori Literary Voices Advancing -- Narratives of (Un) Belonging: Unmasking Cleavage, Cleaving to Identities -- Transcultural Readings: Recombining Repertoires -- Navigating Transcultural Currents: Stories of Indigenous Modernities -- Works Cited -- Index. The Mori of New Zealand, a nation that quietly prides itself on its Sommario/riassunto pioneering egalitarianism, have had to assert their indigenous rights against the demographic, institutional, and cultural dominance of Pkeh and other immigrant minorities – European, Asian, and Polynesian – in a postcolonial society characterized by neocolonial structures of barely acknowledged inequality. While Mori writing reverberates with this struggle, literary identity discourse goes beyond any fallacious dualism of white/brown, colonizer/colonized, or modern/traditional. In a rapidly altering context of globality, such

essentialism fails to account for the diverse expressions of Mori

identities negotiated across multiple categories of culture, ethnicity, class, and gender. Narrating Indigenous Modernities recognizes the need to place Mori literature within a broader framework that explores the complex relationship between indigenous culture, globalization, and modernity. This study introduces a transcultural methodology for the analysis of contemporary Mori fiction, where articulations of indigeneity acknowledge cross-cultural blending and the transgression of cultural boundaries. Thus, Narrating Indigenous Modernities charts the proposition that Mori writing has acquired a fresh, transcultural quality, giving voice to both new and recuperated forms of indigeneity, tribal community, and Moritanga (Maoridom) that generate modern indigeneities which defy any essentialist homogenization of cultural difference. Mori literature becomes, at the same time, both witness to globalized processes of radical modernity and medium for the negotiation and articulation of such structural transformations in Moritanga.