Record Nr. UNINA9910781876703321 Autore Willis Martin <1971-> **Titolo** Vision, science, and literature, 1870-1920: ocular horizons //by Martin Willis [[electronic resource]] London:,: Pickering & Chatto,, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-315-65536-5 0-8229-8190-4 1-317-32184-7 1-317-32185-5 1-283-29203-3 9786613292032 1-84893-235-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xii, 295 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Collana Science and culture in the nineteenth century;; no. 15 Disciplina 612.8409034 Soggetti Vision - History - 19th century Vision - Social aspects - History - 19th century Vision - Philosophy - History - 19th century Literature and science - History - 19th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 02 Oct 2015). Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Acknowledgements; List of Figures; Introduction; 1. Science, Nota di contenuto Imagination and the Phantasmagoria; 2. Place and Identity in Laboratory Science and Fiction; Optical Shattering; 4. Lowell's Minimum Visible; 5. Looking as Tourists and Scientists; 6. Egyptian Archaeology and Fiction; 7. Optics, Ophthalmology and Magical Performance; 8. Sensation, Spectacle and Spiritualism; Afterword; Notes; Works Cited; Index Sommario/riassunto This book explores the role of vision and the culture of observation in Victorian and modernist ways of seeing. Willis charts the characterization of vision through four organizing principles - small, large, past and future - to survey Victorian conceptions of what vision was. He then explores how this Victorian vision influenced twentiethcentury ways of seeing, when anxieties over visual 'truth' became

entwined with modernist rejections of objectivity.