Record Nr. UNINA9910782142703321 Autore Dudley John <1965-> Titolo A man's game [[electronic resource]]: masculinity and the antiaesthetics of American literary naturalism / / John Dudley Tuscaloosa,: University of Alabama Press, c2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8173-8182-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (233 p.) Collana Studies in American literary realism and naturalism 813/.50912 Disciplina American fiction - 20th century - History and criticism Soggetti Naturalism in literature American fiction - Male authors - History and criticism American fiction - African American authors - History and criticism African American men - Intellectual life African American men in literature Masculinity in literature Aesthetics, American Men in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Originally presented as author's thesis (doctoral)--Tulane University, 2001. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [205]-215) and index. Nota di contenuto Inside and outside the ring: the establishment of a masculinist aesthetic sensibility -- "Subtle brotherhood" in Stephen Crane's tales of adventure: alienation, anxiety, and the rites of manhood -- "Beauty unmans me": diminished manhood and the leisure class in Norris and Wharton -- "A man only in form": the roots of naturalism in African American literature. Sommario/riassunto Demonstrates how concepts of masculinity shaped the aesthetic foundations of literary naturalism. A Man's Game explores the development of American literary naturalism as it relates to definitions of manhood in many of the movement's key texts and the aesthetic goals of writers such as Stephen Crane, Jack London, Frank Norris, Edith Wharton, Charles Chestnutt, and James Weldon Johnson. John Dudley argues that in the climate of the late 19th century, when these

authors were penning their major works, literary endeavors were widely

viewed as frivolous,	the work of ladies for	ladies, who comprise