Record Nr. UNINA9910783401503321 Autore Castricano Carla Jodey <1947-> Titolo Cryptomimesis [[electronic resource]]: the gothic and Jacques Derrida's ghost writing / / Jodey Castricano Montreal: Ithaca,: McGill-Queen's University Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-85966-8 9786612859663 0-7735-6966-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (175 p.) 194 Disciplina Deconstruction Soggetti Gothic literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Includes bibliographical references (p. [153]-161) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front Matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Convocation -- The First Partition -- Cryptomimesis or, the Return of the Living-Dead --"'Darling,' it said" -- The Question of the Tomb -- An Art of Chicanery -- Inscribing the Wholly Other -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto She develops the theory of cryptomimesis, a term devised to accommodate the convergence of philosophy, psychoanalysis, and certain "Gothic" stylistic, formal, and thematic patterns and motifs in Derrida's work that give rise to questions regarding writing, reading, and interpretation. Using Edgar Allan Poe's Madeline and Roderick Usher, Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Stephen King's Louis Creed, she illuminates Derrida's concerns with inheritance, revenance, and haunting and reflects on deconstruction as ghost writing. Castricano demonstrates that Derrida's Specters of Marx owes much to the Gothic insistence on the power of haunting and explores how deconstruction can be thought of as the ghost or deferred promise of Marxism. She traces the movement of the "phantom" throughout Derrida's other texts, arguing that such writing provides us with an uneasy model of subjectivity because it suggests that "to be" is to be haunted.

Castricano claims that cryptomimesis is the model, method, and theory behind Derrida's insistence that to learn to live we must learn how to