Record Nr. UNINA9910785507603321 Autore Martinez Ernesto **Titolo** On Making Sense [[electronic resource]]: Queer Race Narratives of Intelligibility Palo Alto,: Stanford University Press, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8047-8401-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (217 p.) Collana Stanford studies in comparative race and ethnicity 810.9/920664 Disciplina 810.9920664 Sexual minorities' writings, American - History and criticism Soggetti Gay people's writings, American - History and criticism American literature - History and criticism - Minority authors Sexual minorities in literature Homosexuality in literature Race in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di contenuto Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction: On the Practice and Politics of Intelligibility: 1. Morrison and Butler on Language and Knowledge: 2. Dying to Know in Baldwin's Another Country; 3. Queer Latina/o Migrant Labor; 4. Shifting the Site of Queer Enunciation; 5. Cho's Faggot Pageantry; Notes; Bibliography; Index On Making Sense juxtaposes texts produced by black, Latino, and Asian Sommario/riassunto queer writers and artists to understand how knowledge is acquired and produced in contexts of racial and gender oppression. From James Baldwin's 1960's novel Another Country to Margaret Cho's turn-of-thecentury stand-up comedy, these works all exhibit a preoccupation with intelligibility, or the labor of making sense of oneself and of making sense to others. In their efforts to "make sense," these writers and artists argue against merely being accepted by society on society's terms, but articulate a desire to confront epistemic injustice--an injustice that affects people in their capacity as knowers and as

communities worthy of being known. The book speaks directly to critical developments in feminist and queer studies, including the

growing ambivalence to antirealist theories of identity and knowledge. In so doing, it draws on decolonial and realist theory to offer a new framework to understand queer writers and artists of color as dynamic social theorists.