Record Nr. UNINA9910785651303321 Autore Okasha Elisabeth Titolo Women's names in Old English / / Elisabeth Okasha Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Routledge,, 2016 **ISBN** 1-351-87121-8 1-315-23349-5 1-283-04748-9 9786613047489 0-7546-9849-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (151 p.) Collana Studies in early medieval Britain Disciplina 929.40941 Soggetti Feminine names - Great Britain - History - Anglo-Saxon period, 449-1066 Names, Personal - England Names, English (Old) English language - Old English, ca. 450-1100 - Etymology - Names Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali First published 2011 by Ashgate Publishing. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. CONTENTS; Foreword; List of Abbreviations; Preface; 1 Introduction; 2 Nota di contenuto The Material; 3 Analysis and Classification of the Material; 4 Discussion of Di-thematic Names; 5 Analysis and Discussion of Mono-thematic Names; 6 Some Implications; 6.1. Assumptions about Sex made from Personal Names; 6.2 Coins and Moneyers; 6.3 Words Used to Describe Women: 6.4 Implications for the Presentation of the Material under Discussion; 7 Vernacular Names in Old English Poetry; 8 General Discussion; 9 Conclusion; Appendix: A Brief Comparison with Some Modern Names; Bibliography; Concordances Sommario/riassunto This book provides an in-depth study into the issue of vernacular names in Old English documents. Specifically it challenges the generally accepted notion that the sex of an individual is definitively indicated by the grammatical gender of their name. While modern scholars have generally felt no difficulty is distinguishing male from female names, this book asks how far the Anglo-Saxons themselves recognised this

distinction, and in so doing critically examines and tests the general

principle that grammatical gender is a certain indicator of biological sex. Anyone with an interest in Old Engli