Record Nr. UNINA9910785998703321 Autore Purcell Natalie J. Titolo Violence and the pornographic imaginary: the politics of sex, gender, and aggression in hardcore pornography / / Natalie Purcell New York: ,: Routledge, , 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-136-27446-4 1-283-64287-5 0-203-11034-X 1-136-27447-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (251 p.) Collana Routledge research in cultural and media studies;; 42 791.43/6538 Disciplina Soggetti Pornographic films - History and criticism Violence in motion pictures Fantasy in motion pictures Women in motion pictures Sex in motion pictures Feminism and motion pictures Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references (p. [219]-237) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto "Just fantasy": rethinking the pornographic, the fantastic, and the real -- Golden-age assaults: heat and hostility in 1970s pornography --Romance and rebellion: the two faces of 1980s pornography --Expressive bodies, intense encounters: realism in 1990s pornography -- Banal brutality: in search of extremes in 2000s pornography -- Sex, gender, and power: aesthetics of arousal in contemporary pornography -- Body and soul: pleasure, pain, and self-revelation in today's hardcore -- Afterword: pornography, feminism, and tomorrow's sexual politics. Sommario/riassunto No cultural product reveals our collective fascination with sexual violence more candidly than popular heterosexual pornographies. They showcase scenes of intense sexual aggression and cruelty that are gendered in repetitive, patterned configurations-configurations that are designed to arouse. Purcell uses comparative critical analyses of

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