1. Record Nr. UNINA9910786094903321 Autore Gray Jonathan W **Titolo** Civil rights in the white literary imagination [[electronic resource]]: innocence by association / / Jonathan W. Gray Jackson, : University Press of Mississippi, c2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-62103-053-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (175 p.) Disciplina 810.9/3520396073 Soggetti American literature - White authors - History and criticism Civil rights in literature Race relations in literature African Americans - Civil rights - History - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction: PERFECT UNIONS: Innocence and Exceptionalism in American Literary Discourse; Chapter One: "THE LOOK BACK HOME FROM A LONG DISTANCE": Robert Penn Warren and the Limits of Historical Responsibility; Chapter Two: THE APOCALYPTIC HIPSTER: "The White Negro" and Norman Mailer's Achievement of Style; Chapter Three: "THE WHOLE HEART OF FICTION": Eudora Welty inside the Closed Society; Chapter Four: "NEGROES, AND BLOOD, AND HORROR": William Styron, Existential Freedom, and The Confessions of Nat Turner; Epilogue: PERFECTING INNOCENCE; Notes; Works Cited IndexA; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; R; S; T; V; W; Y The statement, ""The Civil Rights Movement changed America."" though Sommario/riassunto true, has become something of a cliche. Civil rights in the White Literary Imagination seeks to determine how, exactly, the Civil Rights Movement changed the literary possibilities of four iconic American writers: Robert Penn Warren, Norman Mailer, Eudora Welty, and William Styron. Each of these writers published significant works prior to the Brown v. Board of Education case in 1954 and the Montgomery Bus

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