1. Record Nr. UNINA9910787456503321 Autore Howell Jessica Titolo Exploring Victorian travel literature: disease, race and climate / / Jessica Howell Pubbl/distr/stampa Edinburgh: ,: Edinburgh University Press, , [2014] ©2014 **ISBN** 0-7486-9296-7 1-4744-0082-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 198 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Collana Edinburgh critical studies in Victorian culture Disciplina 820.9355 Travelers' writings, English - History and criticism Soggetti English literature - 19th century - History and criticism Travel in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 08 Aug 2016). Note generali Includes bibliographical references (pages 173-183) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Series Editor's Preface --Acknowledgements -- Introduction -- Chapter 1 Mrs Seacole Prescribes Hybridity: Climate and the Victorian Mixedrace Subject --Chapter 2 Mapping Miasma, Containing Fear: Richard Burton in West Africa -- Chapter 3 Africanus Horton and the Climate of African Nationalism -- Chapter 4 'Climate proof': Mary Kingsley and the Health of Women Travellers -- Chapter 5 'Self rather seedy': Conrad's Colonial Pathographies -- Conclusion: The Afterlife of Climate -- Bibliography -- Index This interdisciplinary study explores both the personal and political Sommario/riassunto significance of climate in the Victorian imagination. It analyses foreboding imagery of miasma, sludge and rot across non-fictional and fictional travel narratives, speeches, private journals and medical advice tracts. Well-known authors such as Joseph Conrad are placed in dialogue with minority writers such as Mary Seacole and Africanus Horton in order to understand their different approaches to representing white illness abroad. The project also considers postcolonial texts such as Wilson Harris's Palace of the Peacock to

demonstrate that authors continue to 'write back' to the legacies of

colonialism by using images of climate induced illness. Key Features * Offers a new perspective on the study of Victorian literature and imperialism by studying depictions of white bodies made ill by the tropical environment *Bridges the critical approaches of illness narrative analysis, race and travel studies *Analyses canonical travel literature alongside works by lesser known and minority authors *Shows the pervasive afterlife of climate in the cultural imagination, even after the discoveries of germ theory and contagionism