1. Record Nr. UNINA9910787597903321 Autore Nama Adilifu Titolo Race on the QT: blackness and the films of Quentin Tarantino // Adilifu Nama Pubbl/distr/stampa Austin, Texas:,: University of Texas Press,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 0-292-77237-8 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (182 p.) Disciplina 791.4302/33092 Soggetti African Americans in motion pictures Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. ""Contents""; ""Acknowledgments""; ""Introduction""; ""1. Reservoir Dogs Nota di contenuto and True Romance""; ""2. Pulp Fiction and Jackie Brown""; ""3. Kill Bill: Vol. 1, Kill Bill: Vol. 2, and Death Proof""; ""Inglourious Basterds and Django Unchained""; ""Coda""; ""Notes""; ""Bibliography""; ""Index"" Known for their violence and prolific profanity, including free use of the Sommario/riassunto n-word, the films of Quentin Tarantino, like the director himself, chronically blurt out in polite company what is extremely problematic even when deliberated in private. Consequently, there is an uncomfortable and often awkward frankness associated with virtually all of Tarantino's films, particularly when it comes to race and blackness. Yet beyond the debate over whether Tarantino is or is not racist is the fact that his films effectively articulate racial anxieties circulating in American society as they engage longstanding racial discourses and hint at emerging trends. This radical racial politics always present in Tarantino's films but kept very much on the guiet—is the subject of Race on the QT. Adilifu Nama concisely deconstructs and

reassembles the racial dynamics woven into Reservoir Dogs, True Romance, Pulp Fiction, Jackie Brown, Kill Bill: Vol. 1, Kill Bill: Vol. 2, Death Proof, Inglourious Basterds, and Django Unchained, as they relate to historical and current racial issues in America. Nama's eclectic fusion of cultural criticism and film analysis looks beyond the director's personal racial attitudes and focuses on what Tarantino's filmic body of

work has said and is saying about race in America symbolically,

metaphorically, literally, impolitely, cynically, sarcastically, crudely, controversially, and brilliantly.