Record Nr. UNINA9910789705103321 Autore McAllister Marvin Edward <1969-> Titolo Whiting up [[electronic resource]]: whiteface minstrels and stage Europeans in African American performance / / by Marvin McAllister Chapel Hill,: University of North Carolina Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-4696-0243-1 **ISBN** 0-8078-6906-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (347 p.) Disciplina 791.43/652996073 Soggetti Minstrel shows - United States - History African Americans in the performing arts - History 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. Nota di contenuto Introduction: whiting up work -- Liberatory whiteness: early whiteface minstrels, enslaved and free -- Imitation whiteness : James Hewlett's stage Europeans -- Low-down whiteness: a trip to coontown --Trespassing on whiteness: Negro actors and the Nordic complex --Estranging whiteness: queens, clowns, and beasts in 1960s Black drama -- White people be like--: Black solo and racial difference --Conclusion: problems and possibilities of whiting up. Sommario/riassunto In the early 1890's, black performer Bob Cole turned blackface minstrelsy on its head with his nationally recognized whiteface creation, a character he called Willie Wayside. Just over a century later, hiphop star Busta Rhymes performed a whiteface supercop in his hit music video ""Dangerous."" In this sweeping work, Marvin McAllister explores the enduring tradition of ""whiting up,"" in which African American actors, comics, musicians, and even everyday people have studied and assumed white racial identities. Not to be confused with

racial ""passing"" or derogatory notions of ""acting...