Record Nr. UNINA9910789864003321 Autore Brown Stephanie <1970-> Titolo The postwar African American novel [[electronic resource]]: protest and discontent, 1945-1950 / / Stephanie Brown Jackson [Miss.],: University Press of Mississippi, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-16846-4 9786613168467 1-60473-974-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (203 p.) Collana Margaret Walker Alexander series in African American studies Disciplina 813/.5409896073 American fiction - African American authors - History and criticism Soggetti American fiction - 20th century - History and criticism Protest literature, American - History and criticism African Americans in literature Discontent in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Beyond protest: retracing the margins of the postwar African American novel -- "If I can only get it funny!": Chester Himes's parodic protest novels -- Frank Yerby and the "costume drama" of Southern historiography -- William Gardner Smith and the cosmopolitan war novel -- J. Saunders Redding and the African American campus novel. Americans in the World War II era bought the novels of African Sommario/riassunto American writers in unprecedented numbers. But the names on the books lining shelves and filling barracks trunks were not the nowfamiliar Richard Wright and Ralph Ellison, but Frank Yerby, Chester Himes, William Gardner Smith, and J. Saunders Redding. In this book, Stephanie Brown recovers the work of these innovative novelists, overturning conventional wisdom about the writers of the period and the trajectory of African American literary history. She also questions the assumptions about the relations between race and genre that h