Record Nr. UNINA9910790015303321 Autore Koestenbaum Wayne Titolo The Anatomy of Harpo Marx / / Wayne Koestenbaum Pubbl/distr/stampa Berkeley, CA:,: University of California Press,, [2012] ©2012 **ISBN** 1-280-11654-4 9786613520838 0-520-95198-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (311 p.) Disciplina 792.702/8092 В Soggetti Comedians - United States Comedians -- United States -- Biography Marx, Harpo Marx, Harpo, 1888-1964 Motion picture actors and actresses - United States Motion picture actors and actresses -- United States -- Biography Music, Dance, Drama & Film Drama Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- I. Early Ecstatic Emptiness -- II. Later Astonishments -- III. The Idiot Tumbles Back to the Beginning of Time Sommario/riassunto The Anatomy of Harpo Marx is a luxuriant, detailed play-by-play account of Harpo Marx's physical movements as captured on screen. Wayne Koestenbaum guides us through the thirteen Marx Brothers films, from The Cocoanuts in 1929 to Love Happy in 1950, to focus on Harpo's chief and yet heretofore unexplored attribute-his profound and contradictory corporeality. Koestenbaum celebrates the astonishing range of Harpo's body-its kinks, sexual multiplicities, somnolence,

Jewishness, "cute" pathos, and more. In a virtuosic performance, Koestenbaum's text moves gracefully from insightful analysis to

cultural critique to autobiographical musing, and provides Harpo with a host of odd bedfellows, including Walter Benjamin and Barbra Streisand.