Record Nr. UNINA9910790599303321 Autore Rothe Anne **Titolo** Popular trauma culture [[electronic resource]]: selling the pain of others in the mass media / / Anne Rothe New Brunswick, N.J., : Rutgers University Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-86430-4 0-8135-5220-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (223 p.) Disciplina 302.23 Soggetti Psychic trauma and mass media Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in mass media 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 (p. 167-201) and index. Introduction: Oprah at Auschwitz -- Popular trauma culture: Nota di contenuto generating the paradigm in Holocaust discourse. Holocaust tropes --Victim talk -- American survivors -- Trauma kitsch -- Television : watching the pain of others on daytime talk shows. Talking cures --Trauma camp -- Popular literature: reading the pain of others in misery memoirs. Selling misery -- Fake suffering -- Forging child abuse -- Simulating Holocaust survival -- Epilogue : fantasies of witnessing. In Popular Trauma Culture, Anne Rothe argues that American Holocaust Sommario/riassunto discourse has a particular plot structure-characterized by a melodramatic conflict between good and evil and embodied in the core characters of victim/survivor and perpetrator-and that it provides the paradigm for representing personal experiences of pain and suffering in the mass media. The book begins with an analysis of Holocaust cliches, and then explores the embodiment of popular trauma culture in two core mass media genres: daytime TV talk shows and misery

memoirs.