Record Nr. UNINA9910793597703321 Autore Cannamela Danila Titolo The Quiet AvantGarde: Crepuscular Poetry and the Twilight of Modern Humanism / / Danila Cannamela Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto:,: University of Toronto Press,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 1-4875-3145-1 1-4875-3144-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (355 pages) Collana Toronto Italian Studies Classificazione cci1icc coll13 Disciplina 851/.9109 Soggetti Italian poetry - 20th century - History and criticism Avant-garde (Aesthetics) - Italy - History - 20th century Criticism, interpretation, etc. History Italy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto A matter of things: modernity, modernism, avant-garde -- The avantgarde is made of useless objects -- Being a living thing: towards a new notion of body -- Love and the grand solidarity of sound -- Avantgarde immersive onto-cognition. Sommario/riassunto "The blending of people and living machines is a central element in the futurist "reconstruction of the universe." However, prior to the futurist break, a group of early-twentieth-century poets, later dubbed crepuscolari (crepusculars), had already begun an attack against the dominant cultural system, using their poetry as the locus in which useless little objects clashed with the traditional poetry of human greatness and stylistic perfection. The Quiet Avant-Garde draws from a number of twenty-first-century theories--vital materialism, objectoriented ontology, and environmental humanities--as well as Bruno Latour's criticism of modernity to illustrate how the crepuscular movement sabotaged the modern mindset and launched the counterdiscourse of the Italian avant-garde by blurring the line dividing people

from "things." This liminal poetics, at the crossroad of tradition, modernism, and the avant-garde, acted as the initiator of the ethical and environmental transition from a universe subjected to humans to human-thing co-agency. This book proposes a contemporary reading of Italian twentieth-century movements and offers a foothold for scholars outside Italian studies to access authors who are still unexplored in North American literature."--