Record Nr. UNINA9910793941303321 Autore Hamer Felicity T. C. Titolo Parental grief and photographic remembrance: a historical account of undying love / / authored by Felicity T.C. Hamer (Concordia University, Canada) Pubbl/distr/stampa Bingley, England:,: Emerald Group Publishing,, [2020] ©2020 **ISBN** 1-78769-323-6 1-78769-325-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xix, 121 pages): illustrations Collana Sharing Death Online Disciplina 155.937 Soggetti Parental grief Social media - Psychological aspects Postmortem photography Psychology, Grief & Loss Psychology: emotions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Introduction. Something to remember them by -- Chapter 1: In their image -- Chapter 2: Photographic reunion -- Chapter 3: Embellishing trace conclusion in loving memories. Sommario/riassunto Photographic portraits of those who have passed have the potential to become valuable sites of remembrance. Across North America and Western Europe, parents are increasingly unfamiliar with death; lacking the rituals and tools that have historically eased the bereavement process. This book shines a light on how semi-private social media groups enable the bereaved parents of today to navigate their grief in the modern world. The author explores how creative, and sometimes contested, incorporations of photography within these online spaces demonstrate a revival and renegotiation of historic practices. By shining

> a light on recurrent tendencies and their evolution within new media this book offers an opportunity to observe the complex relationships grief can prompt some individuals to form with the portraits of absent

loved ones. As social networking sites continue to enable the

reinsertion of death within the social realm, the author looks ahead: might we begin to see a revival and increased openness towards end-of-life, post-mortem and funerary photography? As bereavement increasingly becomes something communicated in an online context, what new types of embellishments to the photographic portrait might we encounter?