Record Nr. UNINA9910795139703321 Gender warriors: reading contemporary urban fantasy / / edited by U. **Titolo** Melissa Anviwo and Amanda Jo Hobson Pubbl/distr/stampa Boston:,: Brill Sense,, [2019] **ISBN** 90-04-39410-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (167 pages) Collana Teaching gender;; volume 10 Disciplina 813.0876609353 Soggetti Fantasy fiction, American - History and criticism Fantasy in mass media Objectification (Social psychology) in literature Objectification (Social psychology) in mass media Gender identity in literature Gender identity in mass media Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Front Matter -- Copyright page -- Advanced Praise for Gender Warriors Nota di contenuto -- Acknowledgements -- Introduction / Amanda Jo Hobson and U. Melissa Anyiwo -- Creating the Urban Fantasy Heroine / Candace Benefiel -- Empowering or Fetishizing / Sarah A. Smith -- The Vampiric Nature of Transmedia Storytelling in the Buffyverse / Jenna Guitar --Bewitching Bodies / Amanda Jo Hobson -- Fighting and Feminist Expression / Lauren Rocha -- Tough Women, Patriarchal Violence, and the Problem of Non-Intersectional Feminism in Les Wiseman'S Underworld Series / Ana G. Gal -- The Problematic Fan-Girl / Cait Coker -- A Monstrous Narrative / U. Melissa Anyiwo -- The Urban Fantasy Classroom / U. Melissa Anyiwo and Amanda Jo Hobson -- The Urban Fantasy Universe / U. Melissa Anviwo and Amanda Jo Hobson --Back Matter -- Notes on Contributors. Gender Warriors: Reading Contemporary Urban Fantasy offers Sommario/riassunto classroom-ready original essays outlining contemporary debates about sexual objectification and gender norms in urban fantasy and examining how those cultural categories are reinforced and unraveled.

The essays explore the foundations and evolutions of urban fantasy

and presentations of gendered identities in a wide variety of sources, focusing not only on popular examples, such as Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Underworld, but also on less studied works, for instance Penny Dreadful and Anita Blake. The authors address the sociocultural institutions that bind gender to the body and shape our views of gendered norms, inviting students of all experience levels to engage in interdisciplinary conversations about both theoretical and embodied constructions of gender and the production of genre and generic conventions. The text unpacks cultural norms of gender and addresses issues of identity construction within an endlessly evolving genre. This collection demonstrates the way that representations of gender and the kick-ass female urban fantasy warrior have upended and reinforced a broad range of expectations and tropes, making it a fascinating text for any course, such as first-year studies, literature, film, gender studies, sociology, cultural studies, history, and more.