Record Nr. UNINA9910795487803321 Autore Kite Stephen Titolo Shadow-makers: a cultural history of shadows in architecture / / Stephen Kite Pubbl/distr/stampa London, England:,: Bloomsbury Academic,, 2017 ©2017 **ISBN** 1-4725-8811-8 1-4725-8812-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (336 pages): illustrations Classificazione ARC000000ARC005000ARC007010ART015000 Disciplina 720.1/03 Soggetti Architecture and society Shades and shadows in architecture Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Machine generated contents note: -- 1. Shadow Beginnings -- 2. Primordial Shadows -- 3. 'The art of Shaddowes': the Baroque of Hawksmoor and Vanbrugh -- 4. Shadows of the Sublime -- 5. Gothick 'Gloomth' -- 6. John Ruskin and Shadows of Power -- 7. Shadow Carpets -- 8. Shadows of the Unconscious: the Venice of Adrian Stokes and Aldo Rossi -- 9. Louis Kahn and the 'Treasury of Shadows' -- 10. Shadow Futures -- Bibliography -- Index. "The making of shadows is an act as old as architecture itself. From the Sommario/riassunto gloom of the medieval hearth through to the masterworks of modernism, shadows have been an essential yet neglected presence in architectural history. Shadow-Makers tells for the first time the history of shadows in architecture. It weaves together a rich narrative combining close readings of significant buildings both ancient and modern with architectural theory and art history - to reveal the key places and moments where shadows shaped architecture in distinctive and dynamic ways. It shows how shadows are used as an architectural instrument of form, composition, and visual effect, while also exploring

the deeper cultural context - tracing differing conceptions of their meaning and symbolism, whether as places of refuge, devotion, terror,

occult practice, sublime experience or as metaphors of the

unconscious. Within a chronological framework encompassing medieval, baroque, enlightenment, sublime, picturesque, and modernist movements, a wide range of topics are explored, from Hawksmoor's London churches, Japanese temple complexes and the shade-patterns of Islamic cities, to Ruskin in Venice and Aldo Rossi and Louis Kahn in the 20th century. This beautifully-illustrated study seeks to understand the work of these shadow-makers through their drawings, their writings, and through the masterpieces they built "--