1. Record Nr. UNINA9910797762003321 Autore Goldstein David M. <1976-> Titolo Classical Greek syntax: Wackernagel's law in Herodotus / / by David Goldstein Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden, Netherlands; ; Boston, [Massachusetts]:,: Brill,, 2016 ©2016 **ISBN** 90-04-25068-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (347 p.) Collana Brill's Studies in Indo-European Languages & Linguistics, , 1875-6328 Disciplina 485 Soggetti Greek language - Syntax 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 and index. Front Matter -- Introduction -- Greek Syntax and Surface Word Order Nota di contenuto -- The Prosody of Greek Clitics -- The Syntax of Clitics --Topicalization -- Focus Preposing -- Participles -- Infinitive Complements -- Conclusion and Prospects -- Bibliography -- Indexes. In Classical Greek Syntax: Wackernagel's Law in Herodotus, David Sommario/riassunto Goldstein offers the first theoretically-informed study of secondposition clitics in Ancient Greek and challenges the long-standing belief that Greek word order is free" or beyond the reach of systematic analysis. On the basis of Herodotus' Histories, he demonstrates that there are in fact systematic correspondences between clause structure and meaning. Crucial to this new model of the Greek clause is Wackernagel's Law, the generalization that enclitics and postpositives occur in second position," as these classes of words provide a stable anchor for analyzing sentence structure. The results of this work not only restore word order as an interpretive dimension of Greek texts. but also provide a framework for the investigation of other areas of syntax in Greek, as well as archaic Indo-European more broadly.