Record Nr. UNINA9910807351703321 Bodies and boundaries in Graeco-Roman antiquity / / edited by **Titolo** Thorsten Fogen and Mireille M. Lee Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin; ; New York, : Walter de Gruyter, c2009 **ISBN** 1-282-71462-7 9786612714627 3-11-021253-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 317 pages): illustrations Classificazione NH 5285 FogenThorsten Altri autori (Persone) LeeMireille M Disciplina 306.4 Human body - Social aspects - Greece Soggetti Human body - Social aspects - Rome Human body in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Frontmatter -- Table of Contents -- A. Introduction -- B. The Body in Nota di contenuto Performance -- Sermo corporis: Ancient Reflections on gestus, vultus and vox -- Bodies and Topographies in Ancient Stylistic Theory --Paving Attention to the Man behind the Curtain: Disclosing and Withholding the Imperial Presence in Justinianic Constantinople -- C. The Erotic Body -- Man as Monster: Eros and Hubris in Plato's Symposium -- Corpus erat: Sulpicia's Elegiac Text and Body in Ovid's Pygmalion Narrative (Met. 10.238-297) -- Transsexuals and Transvestites in Ovid's Metamorphoses -- D. The Dressed Body --Body-Modification in Classical Greece -- "Clothes Make the Man": Dressing the Roman Freedman Body -- E. Pagan and Christian Bodies -- The Female Body in Late Antiquity: Between Virtue, Taboo and Eroticism -- Early Christian and Judicial Bodies -- F. Animal Bodies and Human Bodies -- Shifting Species: Animal and Human Bodies in Attic Vase Painting of the 6th and 5th Centuries B.C. -- Exemplary Animals: Greek Animal Statues and Human Portraiture -- Backmatter

In the Graeco-Roman world, the cosmic order was enacted, in part, through bodies. The evaluative divisions between, for example, women

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and men, humans and animals, "barbarians" and "civilized" people, slaves and free citizens, or mortals and immortals, could all be played out across the terrain of somatic difference, embedded as it was within wider social and cultural matrices. This volume explores these thematics of bodies and boundaries: to examine the ways in which bodies, lived and imagined, were implicated in issues of cosmic order and social organisation in classical antiquity. It focuses on the body in performance (especially in a rhetorical context), the erotic body, the dressed body, pagan and Christian bodies as well as divine bodies and animal bodies. The articles draw on a range of evidence and approaches, cover a broad chronological and geographical span, and explore the ways bodies can transgress and dissolve, as well shore up, or even create, boundaries and hierarchies. This volume shows that boundaries are constantly negotiated, shifted and refigured through the practices and potentialities of embodiment.