Record Nr. UNINA9910809000103321 Gender and contemporary horror in television / / edited by Steven **Titolo** Gerrard, Samantha Holland, and Robert Shail Pubbl/distr/stampa Bingley, United Kingdom:,: Emerald Publishing Limited,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 1-78769-105-5 1-78769-103-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xv, 258 pages) Collana Emerald studies in popular culture and gender Disciplina 808.225 Soggetti Horror television programs - History and criticism Sex role on television Social Science - Gender Studies Media studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Prelims -- Introduction -- The monstrous feminine -- The monstrous masculine -- The monstrous other -- Conclusion -- Select bibliography -- Select filmography -- Index. The successful return of horror to our television screens in the post-Sommario/riassunto millennial years, and across a multi-media range of platforms. demonstrates that this previously moribund genre is once again vibrant, challenging and long-lasting. The traditional TV audience of the past would have watched very few horror TV shows, because not many were made. But that has changed. Programme makers have tapped into their public's insatiable need - in these days of terrorism, violence and mayhem - to provide programmes that have high production values, engaging storylines, and plenty of frights and gore. Horror TV offers a safety-valve for its audience, one that enables them to enter into it from the safety of their armchairs. The era of instant access, streaming, downloading and binge-watching whole seasons over a weekend, where fandom has blossomed into a cultural force, clearly shows horror as a vital part of today's TV scheduling. This

edited collection investigates the rising popularity of horror-television

through deconstructing the gender roles within them via series of case studies including such programmes as Hannibal, American Horror Story, The Walking Dead, Penny Dreadful, Supernatural, The Exorcist and Bates Motel. By using a series of case studies and employing theoretical modes of close analysis, each chapter demonstrates how and why these TV shows are important in reflecting the changing gender roles within modern society.