Record Nr. UNINA9910810933303321 Autore Branigan Edward <1945-> Titolo Point of view in the cinema: a theory of narration and subjectivity in classical film / / Edward Branigan; foreword by David Bordwell Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin; New York:,: Mouton,, [1984] ©1984 **ISBN** 3-11-081759-4 Edizione [Reprint 2010] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (262 p.) Collana Approaches to Semiotics [AS];; 66 Classificazione AP 45300 Disciplina 791.43/01 Soggetti Motion picture plays - History and criticism Motion pictures - Philosophy Point of view (Literature) Subjectivity in motion pictures Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographies and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Chapter 1 The Problem of Point of View -- Chapter 2 Film as System -- Chapter 3 Narration -- Chapter 4 Subjectivity --Chapter 5 The Point-of-view Shot -- Chapter 6 Character Reflection and Projection -- Chapter 7 The Modern Text: Subjectivity under Siege from Fellini's 8 1/2 to Oshima's The Story of a Man Who Left His Will on Film -- Chapter 8 Metatheory -- Appendix Orthodox Theories of Narration -- Suggested Further Reading -- Index -- Backmatter Sommario/riassunto Branigan effectively criticizes the communication model of narration, a task long overdue in Anglo-American circles. The book brings out the extent to which mainstream mimetic theories have relied upon the elastic notion of an invisible, idealized observer, a convenient spook whom critics can summon up whenever they desire to "naturalize" style. The book also makes distinctions among types of subjectivity; after this, we will have much more precise ways of tracing the fluctuations among a character's vision, dreams, wishes, and so forth. Branigan also

explains the necessity of distinguishing levels of narration.