Record Nr. UNINA9910811202803321 Autore Nichols James R. <1938-> Titolo Stronger sex: the fictional women of Lawrence Durrell // James R. **Nichols** Pubbl/distr/stampa Lanham, Md., : Fairleigh Dickinson University Press Plymouth, England,: Co-published with Rowman & Littlefield Pub. Group, c2011 **ISBN** 1-61147-067-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (167 p.) Disciplina 828/.91209 Soggetti Women in literature Characters and characteristics in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto THE STRONGER SEX; Contents; 1. Introduction: Biography and Fiction; 2. Classicism and Durrell's Vision: Durrell's Free Women: 3. Dorothy Lamour on the Road: Paganism and the Female Body; 4. The Loneliness of Love: Melissa and the Sacrificial Woman; 5. Durrell's Failed Women: Justine and Livia; 6. My Lady, My Guenevere: Benedicta and the Revolt of Aphrodite; 7. Risen Angels in Durrell's Free/Fallen Women: Clea. Constance, and the Fortunate Fall; 8. Jocasta, How Youve Changed: Lawrence Durrell and the Earth Mother; 9. Narcissism and the Female Body: Cunegonde in Caesar's Vast Ghost 10. Postscript: Civilization as a Female ConstructWorks Cited; Index The Stronger Sex studies the fictional women of Lawrence Durrell. Sommario/riassunto Durrell envisioned a new woman, self-confident, free of male domination, and able to serve, direct, and protect her dependent male counterpart. Durrell's modern woman is the center of the new postmodern 'couple'- man dependent upon the centrality of woman for the essential wisdom and direction in his life. Far from being a follower of D. H. Lawrence, as so many have claimed, Durrell insists that the male must first cede to woman the personal, social, and political power and

freedom which he has historically denied her.