Record Nr. UNINA9910811441403321 Autore Hopkins Lisa <1962-> Titolo Screening the gothic / / Lisa Hopkins Austin, TX,: University of Texas Press, c2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-292-79698-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (189 p.) 820.9/11 Disciplina Soggetti English literature - History and criticism Gothic revival (Literature) - Great Britain Horror tales, English **English literature** Horror films - History and criticism Film adaptations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [153]-165 and index. Nota di contenuto Gothic revenants: a tale of three Hamlets -- Putting the gothic in: Clarissa, Sense and sensibility, Mansfield Park, and The time machine -- Taking the gothic out : 'tis pity she's a whore, Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, The woman in white, and Lady Audley's secret --Fragmenting the gothic: Jane Eyre and Dracula -- Gothic and the family : The mummy returns, Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone, and The lord of the rings: The fellowship of the ring. Sommario/riassunto Filmmakers have long been drawn to the Gothic with its eerie settings and promise of horror lurking beneath the surface. Moreover, the Gothic allows filmmakers to hold a mirror up to their own age and reveal society's deepest fears. Franco Zeffirelli's Jane Eyre, Francis Ford Coppola's Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet are just a few examples of film adaptations of literary Gothic texts. In this ground-breaking study, Lisa Hopkins explores how the Gothic has been deployed in these and other contemporary films and comes to some surprising conclusions. For instance, in a brilliant chapter on films geared to children, Hopkins finds that horror resides not in the trolls,

wizards, and goblins that abound in Harry Potter, but in the heart of the family. Screening the Gothic offers a radical new way of understanding

the relationship between film and the Gothic as it surveys a wide range of films, many of which have received scant critical attention. Its central claim is that, paradoxically, those texts whose affiliations with the Gothic were the clearest became the least Gothic when filmed. Thus, Hopkins surprises readers by revealing Gothic elements in films such as Sense and Sensibility and Mansfield Park, as well as exploring more obviously Gothic films like The Mummy and The Fellowship of the Ring. Written in an accessible and engaging manner, Screening the Gothic will be of interest to film lovers as well as students and scholars.