Record Nr. UNINA9910811795703321 Autore Szabari Antonia Titolo Less rightly said : scandals and readers in sixteenth-century France / / Antonia Szabari Stanford, Calif.,: Stanford University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8047-7354-8 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (305 p.) Descrizione fisica 840.9/35844028 Disciplina Soggetti French literature - 16th century - History and criticism Political satire, French - History and criticism Religious satire, French - History and criticism Books and reading - France - History - 16th century Scandals in literature Invective in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [267]-282) and index. The heretic and the book -- Clean and dirty words -- Scandalous Nota di contenuto evidence -- The kitchen and the digest -- Poets, priests, and print --Fabricated worlds and the Menippean satire -- Public scandals, withdrawn readers. Well-known scholars and poets living in sixteenth-century France, Sommario/riassunto including Erasmus, Ronsard, Calvin, and Rabelais, promoted elite satire that "corrected vices" but "spared the person"—yet this period, torn apart by religious differences, also saw the rise of a much cruder, personal satire that aimed at converting readers to its ideological, religious, and, increasingly, political ideas. By focusing on popular pamphlets along with more canonical works, Less Rightly Said shows that the satirists did not simply renounce the moral ideal of elite, humanist scholarship but rather transmitted and manipulated that scholarship according to their ideological needs. Szabari identifies the emergence of a political genre that provides us with a more thorough understanding of the culture of printing and reading, of the political

function of invectives, and of the general role of dissensus in early

modern French society.