Record Nr. UNINA9910813459103321 Autore Newmahr Staci Titolo Playing on the edge: sadomasochism, risk, and intimacy / / Staci Newmahr Bloomington,: Indiana University Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-24193-1 9786613813053 0-253-00512-4 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (244 p.) Disciplina 306.77/5 306.775 Soggetti Sadomasochism Sexual dominance and submission Sadomasochists 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 and index. Defiance: bodies, minds, and marginality -- Geeks and freaks: marginal Nota di contenuto identity and community -- Tipping the scales: striving for imbalance --Fringe benefits: the rewards of SM play -- Badasses, servants, and martyrs: gender performances -- Reconcilable differences: pain. eroticism, and violence -- Collaborating the edge: feminism and edgework -- "What it is that we do": intimate edgework. Representations of consensual sadomasochism range from the dark, Sommario/riassunto seedy undergrounds of crime thrillers to the fetishized pornographic images of sitcoms and erotica. In this pathbreaking book, ethnographer Staci Newmahr delves into the social space of a public, pansexual SM community to understand sadomasochism from the inside out. Based on four years of in-depth and immersive participant observation, she juxtaposes her experiences in the field with the life stories of community members, providing a richly detailed portrait of SM as a

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