Record Nr. UNINA9910814137103321 Autore Nemoto Kumiko <1970-> Titolo Racing romance: love, power, and desire among Asian American/white couples / / Kumiko Nemoto New Brunswick, N.J., : Rutgers University Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8135-4852-7 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (210 p.) Descrizione fisica 306.84/608995073 Disciplina Soggetti Interracial marriage - United States Interracial dating - United States Asian Americans - Psychology Asian Americans - Race identity Race awareness Race relations 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. 183-190) and index. Nota di contenuto Interracial relationships: discourses and images -- The good wife -- A woman ascending -- A man's place -- Playing the man -- Men alone -- Conclusion: Matters of race and gender. Despite being far from the norm, interracial relationships are more Sommario/riassunto popular than ever. Racing Romance sheds special light on the bonds between whites and Asian Americans, an important topic that has not garnered well-deserved attention until now. Incorporating life-history narratives and interviews with those currently or previously involved with an interracial partner, Kumiko Nemoto addresses the contradictions and tensionsùa result of race, class, and genderùthat Asian Americans and whites experience. Similar to black/white relationships, stereotypes have long played crucial roles in Asian American/white encounters. Partners grapple with media representations of Asian women as submissive or hypersexual and Asian men are often portraved as weak laborers or powerful martial

artists. Racing Romance reveals how allegedly progressive interracial relationships remain firmly shaped by the logic of patriarchy and

gender inherent to the ideal of marriage, family, and nation in America,

even as this ideal is juxtaposed with discourses of multiculturalism and
 color blindness.