Record Nr. UNINA9910814291603321 Autore Hui Andrew **Titolo** The Poetics of Ruins in Renaissance Literature / / Andrew Hui Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, NY:,: Fordham University Press,, [2017] ©2017 **ISBN** 0-8232-7337-7 0-8232-7336-9 [First edition.] Edizione Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (229 pages): illustrations (some color) Collana Verbal Arts: Studies in Poetics Disciplina 809.02 809.13 Soggetti Ruins in literature European literature - Renaissance, 1450-1600 - History and criticism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes index. Note generali Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Figures and Color Plates -- Introduction. A Japanese Friend -- Chapter 1. The Rebirth of Poetics -- Chapter 2. The Rebirth of Ruins -- Chapter 3. Petrarch's Vestigia and the Presence of Absence -- Chapter 4. The Hypnerotomachia Poliphili and the Erotics of Fragments -- Chapter 5. Du Bellay's Cendre and the Formless Signifier -- Chapter 6. Spenser's Moniment and the Allegory of Ruins --Epilogue. Fallen Castles and Summer Grass -- Acknowledgments --Notes -- Index Sommario/riassunto The Renaissance was the Ruin-naissance, the birth of the ruin as a distinct category of cultural discourse, one that inspired voluminous poetic production. For humanists, the ruin became the material sign that marked the rupture between themselves and classical antiquity. In the first full-length book to document this cultural phenomenon, Andrew Hui explains how the invention of the ruin propelled poets into creating works that were self-aware of their absorption of the past as

well as their own survival in the future.