Record Nr. UNINA9910814556003321 Autore Jenkins Grant Matthew Titolo Poetic obligation: ethics in experimental American poetry after 1945 / / G. Matthew Jenkins Iowa City,: University of Iowa Press, c2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-58729-728-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (283 p.) 811/.5409 Disciplina American poetry - 20th century - History and criticism Soggetti Experimental poetry, American - History and criticism Ethics 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. [243]-258) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: The double-double turn -- pt. 1. Objectivist poethics --Saying obligations: George Oppen's Of being numerous -- A phenomenology of judgment: Charles Reznikoff's Holocaust -- pt. 2. Excess and eros. The ethics of excess: Edward Dorn's Gunslinger --The body ethical: Robert Duncan's Passages -- pt. 3. An ethics of sexual alterity. The nearnes sof poetry: Susan Howe's The nonconformist's memorial -- Permeable ethics: Lyn Hejinian's The cell -- Conclusion: What difference does poetic obligation make? Since at least the time of Plato's Republic, the relationship between Sommario/riassunto poetry and ethics has been troubled. Through the prism of what has been called the "new" ethical criticism, inspired by the work of Emmanuel Levinas, G. Matthew Jenkins considers the works of Objectivists, Black Mountain poets, and Language poets in light of their

full potential to reshape this ancient relationship.