Record Nr. UNINA9910815557603321 Autore Kolkenbrock Marie Titolo Stereotype and destiny in Arthur Schnitzler's prose: five psychosociological readings / / Marie Kolkenbrock [London]: .: Bloomsbury Academic, . 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-5013-3099-3 **ISBN** 1-5013-3098-5 1-5013-3097-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 270 pages) Collana New directions in German studies Disciplina 833.912 Fate and fatalism in literature Soggetti Stereotypes (Social psychology) in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto List of Abbreviations -- Introduction -- 1. Stereotypes and Physiognomy in Der Weg ins Freie (Road into the Open) -- 2. Madness and Investiture in Flucht in die Finsternis (Flight into Darkness) -- 3. Race and Destiny in Die Weissagung (The Prophecy) and Andreas Thamever's letzter Brief (Andreas Thamever's Last Letter): (Dammerseelen I) (Dozing Souls I) -- 4. Love as Destiny and Cliche in Die Fremde (The Stranger), Das Schicksal des Freiherrn von Leisenbohg (Baron Leisenbohg's Destiny), and Das neue Lied (The New Song): (Dammerseelen II) (Dozing Souls II) -- 5. Dream, Destiny, and Infectious Alterity in Traumnovelle (Dream Story) -- Conclusion and Outlook -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto "What was the function of the invocation of destiny in the increasingly secularized era of turn-of-the-century Vienna? By exploring this question, Stereotype and Destiny in Arthur Schnitzler's Prose offers a new psycho-sociological perspective on the narrative works of Arthur Schnitzler. While Vienna 1900 as a site of crisis has been established in the scholarship, this book focuses on the presence of forces that deny the existence of said crisis and work to contain its subversive and

critical potential. Stereotype and destiny emerge in Schnitzler's prose

texts as a form of these counter-critical forces. In her readings,

Kolkenbrock shows that stereotype and destiny serve as an interrelated coping mechanism for a central psychological conflict of modernity: the paradoxical need to be recognized as 'normal' and 'special' at the same time. While, through the complex of 'stereotype and destiny', Schnitzler's prose addresses central modern questions of identity and subjecthood, Kolkenbrock's close readings also reveal how the texts inscribe themselves aesthetically in the literary tradition of Romanticism and as such offer crucial sources for understanding Schnitzler's representations of embattled subjecthood within broader social and aesthetic traditions."--Bloomsbury Publishing.