Record Nr. UNINA9910816479703321 Autore Jannarone Kimberly Titolo Artaud and his doubles / / Kimberly Jannarone Pubbl/distr/stampa Ann Arbor, : University of Michigan Press, 2012 **ISBN** 1-280-88050-3 9786613721815 0-472-02794-8 Edizione [1st pbk. ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (272 p.) Collana Theater--theory/text/performance Disciplina 848/.91209 Soggetti Experimental theater - France - History - 20th century Drama - History and criticism - Theory, etc Cruelty in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto The fight against civilization; or, the rebirth of tragedy. Invocation of the plague: nouveau mal du siecle the residues of war "The future of the world" -- Reactionary modern: the controversions of the counterenlightenment anywhere out of this world irrational affinities --Audience, mass, crowd. The avant-garde and the audience: the crisis of bourgeois theater the avant-garde and the audience immersion agitation -- The theater of cruelty and conceptions of the audience --Theaters for the masses: working on the masses mythical, total, real -- Crowds and cruelty: crowd feeling in the theater of cruelty the nerve meter -- Visions of power. The artist of the theater: the rise of the director artistic power in the Jarry Theater the direction of menace --Controlling forces: directing The Cenci concentrating control power by charisma -- Conclusion : longing for nothingness. Sommario/riassunto This is an unlooked-for project. Like many others. I first saw Artaud through the filters of American experimental theater and poststructuralism. My earliest work on Artaud began from accepted familiar premises, largely established in the 1960s: Artaud as prophet, madman, genius, was the thing to study; his significance lay in his status as an inspirational figure manifesting a largely ahistorical

impulse; his denunciation of civilization's discontents implied a

progressive critique. My research led me in different directions, however. Fueled by a desire to really read Artaud's works closely especially his early writing and his productions--I dug into the archives to research Artaud's theatrical practice.