1. Record Nr. UNINA9910816729503321 Autore O'Connor Lauren R. Titolo Robin and the making of American adolescence / / Lauren R. O'Connor Pubbl/distr/stampa New Brunswick:,: Rutgers University Press,, [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 1-9788-1983-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (223 pages) Collana Comics Culture Disciplina 741.5/973 Soggetti Superheroes Sidekicks in literature Adolescence in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- CONTENTS -- INTRODUCTION -- CHAPTER 1. THE SECRET ORIGINS OF ADOLESCENCE -- CHAPTER 2. ROBIN, NIGHTWING, BATMAN -- CHAPTER 3. GIRLS WONDER -- CHAPTER 4. MIXED SIGNALS -- CHAPTER 5. THE SIDEKICK ON SCREEN -- CONCLUSION --ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -- NOTES -- BIBLIOGRAPHY -- INDEX -- ABOUT THE AUTHOR Sommario/riassunto Holy adolescence, Batman! Robin and the Making of American Adolescence offers the first character history and analysis of the most famous superhero sidekick, Robin. Debuting just a few months after Batman himself, Robin has been an integral part of the Dark Knight's history—and debuting just a few months prior to the word "teenager" first appearing in print, Robin has from the outset both reflected and reinforced particular images of American adolescence. Closely reading several characters who have "played" Robin over the past eighty years, Robin and the Making of American Adolescence reveals the Boy (and sometimes Girl!) Wonder as a complex figure through whom mainstream culture has addressed anxieties about adolescents in relation to sexuality, gender, and race. This book partners up comics studies and adolescent studies as a new Dynamic Duo, following Robin as he swings alongside the ever-changing American teenager and

finally shining the Bat-signal on the latter half of "Batman and—."