Record Nr. UNINA9910817319203321 Autore Thornham Helen **Titolo** Ethnographies of the videogame [[electronic resource]]: gender, narrative and praxis / / Helen Thornham Farnham, Surrey, England; ; Burlington, Vt., : Ashgate, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-315-58056-X 1-317-14065-6 1-317-14064-8 1-283-12870-5 9786613128706 0-7546-9940-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (218 p.) Disciplina 306.4/87 Soggetti Video games Video games - Social aspects 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 and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Contents; List of Figures; Acknowledgements; 1 Introductions: Videogames, Gender, Ethnography: 2 Constructing a Gendered Gaming Identity; 3 Articulating Pleasure: Gender, Technology and Power; 4 The Practices of Gameplay; 5 Bodies and Action; 6 Pleasure and the Imagined Gamer; 7 Conclusions: Towards a Theory of Domestic Videogaming; Appendix 1: Index and Statistics of Houses and Household Members; Appendix 2: Index of Interviews; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Ethnographies of the Videogame uses the medium of the videogame to explore wider significant sociological issues around new media, interaction, identity, performance, memory and mediation. The book is particularly concerned with issues of agency and power, identifying strong correlations between perceptions of gaming and actual gaming practices, as well as the reinforcement, through gaming, of established power relationships within households. Thornham provides pertinent and reflexive commentary highlighting the relationships of gender and power in gaming practice.