1. Record Nr. UNINA9910818274303321 Autore Young Paul Titolo Frank Miller's Daredevil and the Ends of Heroism / / Paul Young Pubbl/distr/stampa New Brunswick, NJ:,: Rutgers University Press,, [2016] ©2016 **ISBN** 0-8135-6383-6 1 online resource (290 pages) : color illustrations Descrizione fisica Collana **Comics Culture** Disciplina 741.5/0973 Soggetti Comic books, strips, etc - United States - History and criticism Popular culture - United States American literature - History and criticism Myth 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 Frontmatter -- CONTENTS -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -- INTRODUCTION. DEALING WITH THE DEVIL -- CHAPTER ONE. OUR STORY SO FAR --CHAPTER TWO. INTO THE SNAKE PIT -- CHAPTER THREE. THE UNHOLY THREE -- CHAPTER FOUR. COMICS FOR COMICS' SAKE -- INTERLUDE. DAREDEVIL VERSUS THE CATECHISM -- CONCLUSION. EXPOSÉ -- NOTES -- INDEX Sommario/riassunto 2017 EISNER AWARD NOMINEE for Best Academic/Scholarly Work In the late 1970s and early 1980s, writer-artist Frank Miller turned Daredevil from a tepid-selling comic into an industry-wide success story, doubling its sales within three years. Lawyer by day and costumed vigilante by night, the character of Daredevil was the perfect vehicle for the explorations of heroic ideals and violence that would come to define Miller's work. Frank Miller's Daredevil and the Ends of Heroism is both a rigorous study of Miller's artistic influences and innovations and a reflection on how his visionary work on Daredevil impacted generations of comics publishers, creators, and fans. Paul Young explores the accomplishments of Miller the writer, who fused hardboiled crime stories with superhero comics, while reimagining

Kingpin (a classic Spider-Man nemesis), recuperating the half-baked villain Bullseye, and inventing a completely new kind of Daredevil villain

in Elektra. Yet, he also offers a vivid appreciation of the indelible panels drawn by Miller the artist, taking a fresh look at his distinctive page layouts and lines. A childhood fan of Miller's Daredevil, Young takes readers on a personal journey as he seeks to reconcile his love for the comic with his distaste for the fascistic overtones of Miller's controversial later work. What he finds will resonate not only with Daredevil fans, but with anyone who has contemplated what it means to be a hero in a heartless world. Other titles in the Comics Culture series include Twelve-Cent Archie, Wonder Woman: Bondage and Feminism in the Marston/Peter Comics, 1941-1948, and Considering Watchmen: Poetics, Property, Politics.