Record Nr. UNINA9910820124303321 Autore Agrippa von Nettesheim Heinrich Cornelius <1486?-1535.> Titolo Declamation on the nobility and preeminence of the female sex // Henricus Cornelius Agrippa: translated and edited with an introduction by Albert Rabil, Jr Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, 1996 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-281-12527-X 9786611125271 0-226-01060-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (143 p.) Collana Other voice in early modern Europe Altri autori (Persone) RabilAlbert Disciplina 305.4 Soggetti Women **Feminism** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Front matter -- Contents -- Editors' Introduction to the Series --Nota di contenuto Foreword -- Note on the Text -- Agrippa and the Feminist Tradition --Declamation on the Nobility and Preeminence of the Female Sex --Index of Biblical References -- General Index Sommario/riassunto Originally published in 1529, the Declamation on the Preeminence and Nobility of the Female Sex argues that women are more than equal to men in all things that really matter, including the public spheres from which they had long been excluded. Rather than directly refuting prevailing wisdom, Agrippa uses women's superiority as a rhetorical device and overturns the misogynistic interpretations of the female body in Greek medicine, in the Bible, in Roman and canon law, in theology and moral philosophy, and in politics. He raised the question of why women were excluded and provided answers based not on sex but on social conditioning, education, and the prejudices of their more powerful oppressors. His declamation, disseminated through the printing press, illustrated the power of that new medium, soon to be

used to generate a larger reformation of religion.