1. Record Nr. UNINA9910820373003321 Autore Kinnard Roy <1952-> **Titolo** Science fiction serials: a critical filmography of the 31 hard SF cliffhangers: with an appendix of the 37 serials with slight SF content / / by Roy Kinnard Jefferson, North Carolina;; London, [England]:,: McFarland & Pubbl/distr/stampa Company, Inc., Publishers, , 1998 ©1998 **ISBN** 1-4766-0413-4 1 online resource (224 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 016.79143/615 791.43615 Science fiction films Soggetti Film serials 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. Cover; Acknowledgments; Contents; Introduction; The Vanishing Nota di contenuto Shadow (1934); The Lost City (1935); The Phantom Empire (1935); Flash Gordon (1936); Undersea Kingdom (1936); Dick Tracy (1937); Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (1938); The Fighting Devil Dogs (1938); Buck Rogers (1939); The Phantom Creeps (1939); Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe (1940); Mysterious Dr. Satan (1940); Dick Tracy vs. Crime, Inc. (1941); Batman (1943); Manhunt of Mystery Island (1945); The Monster and the Ape (1945); The Purple Monster Strikes (1945); The Crimson Ghost (1946); Brick Bradford (1947); Superman (1948)Batman and Robin (1949)King of the Rocket Men (1949); The Invisible Monster (1950); Atom Man vs. Superman (1950); Flying Disc Man from Mars (1951); Mysterious Island (1951); Captain Video (1951); Radar Men from the Moon (1952); Zombies of the Stratosphere (1952); The Lost Planet (1953); Panther Girl of the Kongo (1955); Appendix: 37 Serials with Incidental Science Fiction Elements: Bibliography: Index Destination Moon: George Pal's 1950 Technicolor epic, is generally Sommario/riassunto cited as the first noteworthy science fiction film. Usually ignored or

casually dismissed in genre histories are the serials, the low-budget

chapterplays exhibited as Saturday matinee fare and targeted almost exclusively at children. Lacking stars and top-notch writers or directors, the serials went largely unnoticed and unacknowledged by either critics or by the film industry. Yet serials were financially important to the Hollywood studios, and were often free to exploit risky or outlandish subjects that producers of ""disting