Record Nr. UNINA9910821588103321 Autore Gray Mary L Titolo Out in the country: youth, media, and queer visibility in rural America / / Mary L. Gray New York, : New York University Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8147-3310-7 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (293 p.) Collana Intersections: transdisciplinary perspectives on genders and sexualities Disciplina 306.76/608350973091734 Soggetti Gay youth - Kentucky Rural population - Kentucky 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 Introduction: there are no queers here -- Unexpected activists: homemakers club and gay teens at the local library -- School fight! : local struggles over national advocacy strategies -- From Wal-Mart to websites: out in public -- Online profiles: remediating the coming-out story -- To be real: transidentification on the discovery channel --Conclusion: visibility out in the country. Winner of the 2009 Ruth Benedict Prize for Outstanding Monograph Sommario/riassunto from the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists Winner of the 2010 Distinguished Book Award from the American Sociological Association, Sociology of Sexualities Section Winner of the 2010 Congress Inaugural Qualitative Inquiry Book Award Honorable Mention From Wal-Mart drag parties to renegade Homemaker's Clubs. Out in the Country offers an unprecedented contemporary account of the lives of today's rural queer youth. Mary L. Gray maps out the experiences of young people living in small towns across rural Kentucky and along its desolate Appalachian borders, providing a fascinating and often surprising look at the contours of gay life beyond the big city. Gray illustrates that, against a backdrop of an increasingly impoverished and privatized rural America, LGBT youth and their allies visibly--and often

vibrantly--work the boundaries of the public spaces available to them, whether in the high schools, public libraries, town hall meetings,

churches, or through websites.