Record Nr. UNINA9910821749803321 Autore Harkins Gillian **Titolo** Everybody's family romance: reading incest in neoliberal America / / Gillian Harkins Pubbl/distr/stampa Minneapolis, : University of Minnesota Press, 2009 0-8166-7057-9 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (338 p.) Descrizione fisica 810.9/3538 Disciplina Soggetti American literature - 20th century - History and criticism Incest in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Preface: Nobody's home -- Introduction: Everybody's family romance Nota di contenuto -- Laying down the law: the modernization of American incest -- Legal fantasies: populist trauma and the theater of memory -- Seduction by literature: sexual property and testimonial possession -- Surviving the family romance? Realism and the labor of incest -- Consensual relations: the scattered generations of kinship -- Conclusion: beyond the incest taboo Sommario/riassunto In the 1990's, a boom in autobiographical novels and memoirs about incest emerged, making incest one of the hottest topics to connect daytime TV talk shows, the self-help industry, and the literary publishing circuit. In Everybody's Family Romance, Gillian Harkins places this proliferation of incest literature at the center of transformations in the political and economic climate of the late twentieth century. Harkins's interdisciplinary approach reveals how women's narratives about incest were co-opted by-and yet retained

resistant strains against-the cultural logics of the neoliberal state. A