Record Nr. UNINA9910822132903321 Autore Castricano Carla Jodey <1947-> Titolo Cryptomimesis: the gothic and Jacques Derrida's ghost writing // Jodey Castricano Montreal; Ithaca,: McGill-Queen's University Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-85966-8 9786612859663 0-7735-6966-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (175 p.) Disciplina 194 Soggetti Deconstruction Gothic 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 (p. [153]-161) and index. Front Matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Convocation -- The Nota di contenuto First Partition -- Cryptomimesis or, the Return of the Living-Dead --"Darling,' it said" -- The Question of the Tomb -- An Art of Chicanery -- Inscribing the Wholly Other -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto She develops the theory of cryptomimesis, a term devised to accommodate the convergence of philosophy, psychoanalysis, and certain "Gothic" stylistic, formal, and thematic patterns and motifs in Derrida's work that give rise to questions regarding writing, reading, and interpretation. Using Edgar Allan Poe's Madeline and Roderick Usher, Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Stephen King's Louis Creed, she illuminates Derrida's concerns with inheritance, revenance, and haunting and reflects on deconstruction as ghost writing. Castricano demonstrates that Derrida's Specters of Marx owes much to the Gothic insistence on the power of haunting and explores how deconstruction can be thought of as the ghost or deferred promise of Marxism. She traces the movement of the "phantom" throughout Derrida's other texts, arguing that such writing provides us with an uneasy model of subjectivity because it suggests that "to be" is to be haunted.

Castricano claims that cryptomimesis is the model, method, and theory behind Derrida's insistence that to learn to live we must learn how to