Record Nr. UNINA9910823296603321 Autore Azuma Hiroki <1971-> **Titolo** Otaku: Japan's database animals / / Hiroki Azuma; translated by Jonathan E. Abel and Shion Kono Minneapolis:,: University of Minnesota Press,, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9780816668007 0816668000 Edizione [[English ed.].] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (176 pages) Disciplina 306/.10952 Soggetti Subculture - Japan Popular culture - Japan Japan Civilization 1945-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "Originally published in Japanese as Dobutsuka suru posutomodan: otaku kara mita nihon shakai (Tokyo: Kodansha Gendai Shinsho, 2001)" --T.p. verso. Translated from the Japanese. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 117-139) and index. Nota di contenuto Preface to the English edition / Hiroki Azuma -- Translators' introduction -- What is otaku culture? -- The otaku's pseudo-Japan --The pseudo-Japan manufactured from U.S.-mode material -- Otaku and postmodernity -- Narrative consumption -- The grand nonnarrative -- Moe-elements -- Database consumption -- The simulacra and the database -- Snobbery and the fictional age -- The dissociated human -- The animal age -- Hyperflatness and hypervisuality -- Multiple personality. Sommario/riassunto In Japan, obsessive adult fans and collectors of manga and anime are known as otaku. When the underground otaku subculture first emerged in the 1970's, participants were looked down on within mainstream Japanese society as strange, antisocial loners. Today otaku have had a huge impact on popular culture not only in Japan but also throughout Asia, Europe, and the United States. Hiroki Azuma's Otaku offers a critical, philosophical, and historical inquiry into the characteristics and

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