Record Nr. UNINA9910823860903321 Autore Rodriguez Ralph E. Titolo Latinx Literature Unbound: Undoing Ethnic Expectation / / Ralph E. Rodriguez New York, NY:,: Fordham University Press,, [2018] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2018 **ISBN** 0-8232-8144-2 0-8232-7925-1 0-8232-7941-3 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (1 PDF (181 pages)) 860.9868073 Disciplina Soggetti Hispanic American authors Hispanic American literature (Spanish) - History and criticism American literature - Hispanic American authors - History and criticism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali This edition previously issued in print: 2018. Includes bibliographical references (pages 161-173) and index. Nota di bibliografia Front matter -- Contents -- Introduction. What We Talk about When We Nota di contenuto Talk about Latinx Literature -- Chapter 1. Brown Like Me? The Author-Function, Proper Names, and the Rise of Fictional Nobodies -- Chapter 2. Confounding the Mimetic: The Metafictional Challenge to Representation -- Chapter 3. From Where I Stand: The Intimacy and Distance of We and You in the Short Story -- Chapter 4. The Lyric, or, a Radical Singularity in Latinx Verse -- Conclusion: Thinking beyond Limits -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- works cited -- Index Sommario/riassunto Since the 1990's, there has been unparalleled growth in the literary output from an ever more diverse group of Latinx writers. Extant criticism, however, has yet to catch up with the diversity of writers we label Latinx and the range of themes about which they write. Little sustained scholarly attention has been paid, moreover, to the very category under which we group this literature. Latinx Literature Unbound, thus, begins with a fundamental question "What does it mean to label a work of literature or an entire corpus of literature Latinx?" From this guestion others emerge: What does Latinx allow or predispose us to see, and what does it preclude us from seeing? If the

grouping—which brings together a heterogeneous collection of people under a seemingly homogeneous label—tells us something meaningful, is there a poetics we can develop that would facilitate our analysis of this literature? In answering these questions, Latinx Literature Unbound frees Latinx literature from taken-for-granted critical assumptions about identity and theme. It argues that there may be more salubrious taxonomies than Latinx for organizing and analyzing this literature. Privileging the act of reading as a temporal, meaning-making event, Ralph E. Rodriguez argues that genre may be a more durable category for analyzing this literature and suggests new ways we might proceed with future studies of the writing we have come to identify as Latinx.