Record Nr. UNINA9910823980703321 Autore Rankine Patrice D Titolo Ulysses in Black: Ralph Ellison, classicism, and African American literature / / Patrice D. Rankine Madison, Wis., : University of Wisconsin Press, c2006 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-27032-X 9786612270321 0-299-22003-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 254 p Wisconsin studies in classics Collana Disciplina 818/.5409 Soggetti American literature - African American authors - History and criticism American literature - African American authors - Greek influences American literature - African American authors - Classical influences Odysseus (Greek mythology) in literature Mythology, Classical, in literature Classicism in literature Comparative literature - Modern and classical 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. 219-236) and index. Nota di contenuto Intro -- Contents -- Prologue: Preparing for the Journey of Ulysses in Black -- 1. Classica Africana: The Nascent Study of Black Classicism --Journey 1: From Eurocentrism to Black Classicism -- 2. Birth of a Hero: The Poetics and Politics of Ulysses in Classical Literature -- 3. Ulysses Lost on Racial Frontiers: The Limits of Classicism in the Modern World -- 4. The New Negro Ulysses: Classicism in African American Literature as a Return from the Black (W)hole -- Journey 2: Ralph Ellison's Black American Ulysses -- 5. "Ulysses alone in Polly-what's-his-name's cave": Ralph Ellison and the Uses of Myth -- 6. Ulysses in Black: Lynching, Dismemberment, Dionysiac Rites -- 7. Ulysses (Re)Journeying Home: Bridging the Divide between Black Studies and the Classics --Notes -- References Cited -- Index. In this groundbreaking work, Patrice D. Rankine asserts that the Sommario/riassunto

classics need not be a mark of Eurocentrism, as they have long been

considered. Instead, the classical tradition can be part of a self-conscious, prideful approach to African American culture, esthetics, and identity. Ulysses in Black demonstrates that, similar to their white counterparts, African American authors have been students of classical languages, literature, and mythologies by such writers as Homer, Euripides, and Seneca.