Record Nr. UNINA9910824991203321 Humane readings: essays on literary mediation and communication in **Titolo** honour of Roger D. Sell / / edited by Jason Finch ...[et al.] Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia, : John Benjamins Pub. Company, 2009 **ISBN** 1-282-44500-6 9786612445002 90-272-8912-3 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica xi, 160 p Collana Pragmatics & beyond new series; 190 Altri autori (Persone) FinchJason SellRoger D Disciplina 820.9 English literature - History and criticism Soggetti Literature - History and criticism - Theory, etc Literature - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto "This verse marks that": the Bible, editors, and early modern English texts / Helen Wilcox -- Humanized intertexts : an iconospheric approach to Ben Jonson's comedy, The case is altered (1598) / Anthony W. Johnson -- Appearance and reality in Jane Austen's Persuasion / Tony Lurcock -- Green flowers and golden eyes: Balzac, decadence and Wilde's Salome / Sven-Johan Spanberg -- "When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean": power and (mis)communication in literature for young readers / Maria Nikolajeva -- Place and communicative personae: how Forster has changed Stevenage since the 1940s / Jason Finch -- Tony Harrison and the rhetorics of reality: a re-evaluation of v / Tony Bex -- Truthful (hi)stories in Michael Ondaatje's Anil's ghost / Lydia Kokkola -- Pragmatic Penelope or timeless tales for the times / Gunilla Florby -- Three fallacies in interpreting literature / Bo Pettersson. Sommario/riassunto There are three mistakes that are rather common in recent literary studies, the single context fallacy, the interactional fallacy and the nonreferential fallacy, the first of which is particularly common in literary

theory and literary pragmatics, the second in the theory and practice of

literary interpretation and the third in the criticism of postmodern fiction. All three touch on central points in Roger Sell's literary-pragmatic, communicational and mediating view of literature. When presenting them I shall speculate on what they are based on, why they are so prevalent, and how they are related and sometimes co-occur. Finally, I try to show that these widespread fallacies also have thwarted any efforts to construct a tenable pragmatics of literary interpretation.