Record Nr. UNINA9910825140203321 Pseudoscience and deception: the smoke and mirrors of paranormal **Titolo** claims / / edited by Bryan Farha; foreword by Michael Shermer Pubbl/distr/stampa Lanham, Maryland: ,: University Press of America, Inc., , 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 0-7618-6293-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (195 p.) Disciplina 130 Soggetti Parapsychology Parapsychology - Investigation Deception Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di contenuto Contents; Foreword; Preface; Acknowledgments; I: Critical Thought about Strange Things; 1 Why Smart People Believe Weird Things: 2 How to Argue; II: Psychic Phenomena & Fortune-Telling; 3 Cold Reading: How to Convince Strangers That You Know All About Them: 4 Long Island Chicanery; III: Science/Health Claims; 5 Why Bogus Therapies Often Seem to Work; 6 Power Balance Products; 7 Consensus on Climate Change; 8 Why Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnosis Is Worthless; IV: Out of This World: 9 The Case For and Against Astrology: 10 Looking Up to Logic; 11 The Lunar Effect and Confirmation Bias V: Religion & Faith Healing12 Prayer and Healing; 13 Confessions of a Skeptic: VI: Psychotherapy: 14 Pseudoscience in Contemporary Clinical Psychology; VII: Numerical Anomalies; 15 Number manipulation; VIII: Afterlife and Related Phenomena; 16 Deconstructing the Dead; IX: Cryptozoology; 17 Bigfoot at 50; About the Contributors Pseudoscience and Deception is a compilation of some of the most Sommario/riassunto eye-opening skeptical articles pertaining to extraordinary claims and pseudoscience. The articles explore paranormal, extraordinary, or fringe-science claims and reveal logical explanations or outline the deceptive tactics involved in convincing the vulnerable.