Record Nr. UNINA9910825242203321 Zimbabwean transitions: essays on Zimbabwean literature in English, **Titolo** Ndebele and Shona / / edited by Mbongeni Z. Malaba and Geoffrey V. Davis Amsterdam;; New York, NY,: Rodopi, 2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 94-012-0566-3 1-4356-4070-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (269 p.) Collana Matatu;; no. 34 Altri autori (Persone) DavisGeoffrey V. <1943-> MalabaMbongeni Z Disciplina 809.8896891 Soggetti African literature Zimbabwean literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Zimbabwean Transitions; TABLE OF CONTENTS; Introduction; Great Zimbabwe in Rhodesian Fiction; Knowing Native, Going Native; Representing the Past in the Present; The Attitude to Tradition in Ndebele Theoretical Writing: The Significance of Ndebele Historical Fiction; The Changing Roles of Women in siNdebele Literature; The Portrayal of Women in Stanley Nyamfukudza's Works; Coming Unstuck; The Fourth Dimension; Modern Shona Literature as a Site of Struggle, 1956-2000; From a "Puny Domesticity" to Topical Commitment; "Spirit of Place"; The Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF) "You need to have the idea, the vision, and the passion"Words of Praise for Yvonne Vera; BOOK REVIEWS; NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS AND **EDITORS** Sommario/riassunto This collection of essays on Zimbabwean literature brings together studies of both Rhodesian and Zimbabwean literature, spanning different languages and genres. It charts the at times painful process of the evolution of Rhodesian/ Zimbabwean identities that was shaped by pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial realities. The hybrid nature of the society emerges as different writers endeavour to make sense of

their world. Two essays focus on the literature of the white settler. The

first distils the essence of white settlers' alienation from the Africa they purport to civilize, revealing the de