Record Nr. UNINA9910826040003321 Autore Moglen Helene <1936-> Titolo The trauma of gender: a feminist theory of the English novel / / Helene Moglen Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-520-92583-1 **ISBN** 1-59734-964-X Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (228 p.) Disciplina 823/.509353 English fiction - 18th century - History and criticism Soggetti Feminism and literature - Great Britain - History - 18th century English fiction - Male authors - History and criticism Feminist fiction, English - History and criticism Sex role in literature Sex in literature Gender identity in literature Feminist literary criticism Women in 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 (p. 185-193) and index. Acknowledgments; Introduction: The Gender Politics of Narrative Nota di contenuto Modes: 1. Daniel Defoe and the Gendered Subject of Individualism: 2. Clarissa and the Pornographic Imagination; 3. (W)holes and Noses: The Indeterminacies of Tristram Shandy; 4. Horace Walpole and the Nightmare of History; Conclusion: The Relation of Fiction and Theory; Notes; Works Cited; Index Sommario/riassunto Helene Moglen offers a revisionary feminist argument about the origins, cultural function, and formal structure of the English novel. While most critics and historians have associated the novel's emergence and development with the burgeoning of capitalism and the rise of the

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middle classes, Moglen contends that the novel princi- pally came into being in order to manage the social and psychological strains of the