1. Record Nr. UNINA9910831870003321 Autore Riley Sarah Titolo Postfeminism and Health: Critical Psychology and Media Perspectives / / by Sarah Riley, Adrienne Evans and Martine Robson Boca Raton, FL:,: Routledge,, [2018] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2019 **ISBN** 1-315-64861-X 1-317-30154-4 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (213 pages) Critical approaches to health Collana Disciplina 362.1082 Soggetti Women - Health and hygiene - Sociological aspects Feminism - Health aspects Feminism - Psychological aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Self-help -- Weight -- Technologies -- Sex -- Pregnancy -- Intimate responsibilities -- Pro-ana. Sommario/riassunto This groundbreaking book employs a transdisciplinary and poststructuralist methodology to develop the concept of 'postfeminist healthism,' a twenty-first-century understanding of women's physical and mental health formed at the intersections of postfeminist sensibilities, neoliberal constructs of citizenship and the notion of health as an individual responsibility managed through consumption. Postfeminist healthism is used in this book to explore seven topics where postfeminist sensibility has the most impact on women's health: self-help, weight, surgical technologies, sex, pregnancy, responsibilities for others' health and pro-anorexia communities. The book explores the ways in which the desire to be normal and live a good life is tied to expectations of 'normal-perfection' circulated across interpersonal interactions, media representations and expert discourses. It diagnoses postfeminist healthism as unhealthy for both those women who participate in it and those whom it excludes and

considers how more positive directions may emerge. By exploring the under-researched intersection of postfeminism and health studies, this

book will be invaluable to researchers and students in psychology, gender and women's studies, health research, media studies and sociology.