Record Nr. UNINA9910847577003321 Autore Miller Timothy S. <1945-> Titolo Peter S. Beagle's "The Last Unicorn": A Critical Companion / / by Timothy S. Miller Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer Nature Switzerland:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2024 **ISBN** 3-031-53425-5 Edizione [1st ed. 2024.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (139 pages) Collana Palgrave Science Fiction and Fantasy: A New Canon, , 2662-8570 Disciplina 813.54 Soggetti Literature, Modern - 20th century America - Literatures Literary form Twentieth-Century Literature North American Literature Literary Genre Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Beagle's Early Career and a New Chapter in American Fantasy -- Chapter 2: Death and the Desire for Deathlessness: Beagle and J. R. R. Tolkien on Fantasy and Mortality -- Chapter 3: Unicorn Lore: The Multiple Mythologies Behind The Last Unicorn -- Chapter 4: Metafiction and Metafantasy: Comic Fantasy as Mirror for the Genre --Chapter 5: Unicorn Variations: Continuity and Change in the Many Versions of The Last Unicorn -- Chapter 6: Conclusion: Peter S. Beagle' s Immortal Unicorn. Sommario/riassunto This book assesses the work of one of the foundational figures of American fantasy, Peter S. Beagle. Through its focused analysis of The Last Unicorn, this study contextualises Beagle's work in relation to the popularity of the fantasy genre, following its growing success in the aftermath of Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings. In addition, through reference to the film adaptation of The Last Unicorn and also Beagle's other works, this study highlights the author's longevity and the influence that his metafictional and comedic work has had on

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