Record Nr. UNINA9910852985203321 Our Monica, Ourselves: The Clinton Affair and the National Interest // **Titolo** Lauren Berlant, Lisa A. Duggan Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, NY:,: New York University Press,, [2001] ©2001 **ISBN** 0-8147-3928-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (349 p.) Collana Sexual Cultures;;37 973.929/092 Disciplina Soggetti Sexual ethics - United States Sex - Social aspects - United States Culture conflict - United States Political culture - United States **United States Moral conditions** United States Politics and government 1993-2001 United States Social conditions 1980-2020 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- 1. The Culture Wars of the 1960s and the Assault on the Presidency -- 2. The Symbolics of Presidentialism -- 3. The Face That Launched a Thousand Jokes -- 4. It's Not about Sex -- 5. The Door Ajar -- 6. Sex of a Kind -- 7. The First Penis Impeached -- 8. The Return of the Oppressed -- 9. Trashing the Presidency -- 10. Moniker -- 11. Monica Dreyfus -- 12. The President's Penis -- 13. 'Tis Pity He's a Whore --14. Loose Lips -- 15. Sexuality's Archive -- 16. Sex and Civility -- 17. "He Has Wronged America and Women" -- 18. Sexual Risk Management in the Clinton White House -- Contributors Alongside the O.J. Simpson trial, the affair between Bill Clinton and Sommario/riassunto Monica Lewinsky now stands as the seminal cultural event of the 90s. Alternatively transfixed and repelled by this sexual scandal, confusion still reigns over its meanings and implications. How are we to make sense of a tale that is often wild and bizarre, yet replete with serious

political and cultural implications? Our Monica, Ourselves provides a

forum for thinking through the cultural, political, and public policy issues raised by the investigation, publicity, and Congressional impeachment proceedings surrounding the affair. It pulls this spectacle out of the framework provided by the conventions of the corporate news media, with its particular notions of what constitutes a newsworthy event. Drawing from a broad range of scholars, Our Monica, Ourselves considers Monica Lewinsky's Jewishness, Linda Tripp's face, the President's penis, the role of shame in public discourse, and what it's like to have sex as the president, as well as specific legal and historical issues at stake in the impeachment of Bill Clinton. Thoughtful but accessible, immediate vet far reaching, Our Monica, Ourselves will change the way we think about the Clinton affair, while helping us reimagine culture and politics writ large. Contributors include: Lauren Berlant, Eric O. Clarke, Ann Cvetkovich, Simone Weil Davis, Lisa Duggan, Jane Gallop, Marjorie Garber, Janet R. Jakobsen, James R. Kincaid, Laura Kipnis, Tomasz Kitlinski, Pawel Leszkowicz, Joe Lockard, Catharine Lumby, Toby Miller, Dana D. Nelson, Anna Marie Smith, Ellen Willis, and Eli Zaretsky.