Record Nr. UNINA9910952280103321 Stars in our eyes: the star phenomenon in the contemporary era // **Titolo** edited by Angela Ndalianis and Charlotte Henry Pubbl/distr/stampa Westport, Conn.:,: Praeger,, 2002 London:,: Bloomsbury Publishing,, 2024 **ISBN** 9798216018360 9780313010859 0313010854 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (203 p.) Altri autori (Persone) NdalianisAngela <1960-> HenryCharlotte <1970-> Disciplina 791.43/028/0922 Soggetti Motion picture actors and actresses Celebrities 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 and index. Nota di contenuto The misleading man: Dennis Hopper / Adrian Martin -- The replicator, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as the great meme-machine / Louise Kransniewicz and Michael Blitz -- Choosing silence: Robert De Niro and the celebrity interview / Greg M. Smith -- The Keanu effect: stardom and the landscape of the acting body / Carmel Giarratana --More sign than star: Diana, death and the internet / Michael Punt --Virtually touching the stars: from the moon to heaven's gate and beyond / Leonie Cooper -- The auteur as star : violence and utopia in the films of Sam Peckinpah / Gabrielle Murray -- Birth of a hero: Rocky, Stallone and mythical creation / Rikke Schubart -- Digital stars in our eyes / Angela Ndalianis. The media star has become a powerful, almost unparalleled, cultural Sommario/riassunto sign, even as the star system has undergone radical transformation since the era of the Hollywood studio system. Today's film industry continues to market and promote its products through actors in ways that seek to capture the often elusive quality that a star can embody. Using contemporary stars such as Robert De Niro, Keanu Reeves,

Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Dennis Hopper, this anthology of essays

applies a variety of theoretical tools in its attempt to understand how we interpret stars, and how we can begin to understand their cultural significance. Likewise, the study explores how the star system has become an increasingly complex phenomenon within society at large, extending its impact beyond the cinema into music, sports, and fashion. Many of the essays collected here consider this shift and examine how personae including the director (Sam Peckinpah), the royalty (Princess Diana) and even the digital star (Lara Croft) have captured the cultural imagination and have come to attain qualities as star-like as those of the silver screen.