1. Record Nr. UNINA9910961588303321 Autore Brottman Mikita <1966-> Titolo High theory/low culture / / Mikita Brottman Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, : Palgrave Macmillan, 2005 **ISBN** 9786611363697 9781281363695 1281363693 9781403978226 1403978220 Edizione [1st ed. 2005.] 1 online resource (XXIX, 157 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 306/.0973 Soggetti Popular culture - History - 20th century Civilization, Modern - 20th century Popular culture - United States - History - 20th century Criticism United States Civilization 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: popular culture and its critics -- 1. Carnival and chronotope: Bakhtin and style magazines -- 2. Joyful mayhem: Bakhtin and football fans -- 3. Rumor, gossip, and scandal: Barthes and tabloid rhetoric -- 4. "The last stop of desire": Roland Barthes goes shopping -- 5. Blueprints and bodies: Lacan and the pornographic imagination -- 6. Dark homecomings: Lacan and horror fictions. Sommario/riassunto In High Theory/Low Culture, Brottman uses the tools of 'high' cultural theory to examine many areas of today's popular culture, including style magazines, sport, shopping, tabloid newspapers, horror movies and pornography. In doing so, she not only demonstrates the practical use of 'high' theory as it relates to our everyday world, but she also investigates the kinds of 'low' culture that are regularly dismissed by

academic scholars. Through a close examination of these cultural forms, Brottman reveals how the kinds of popular culture that we

usually take for granted are, in fact, far more complex and sophisticated than is normally assumed.