Record Nr. UNINA9910966416403321 Autore DeArmitt Pleshette <1967-> Titolo The right to narcissism: a case for an im-possible self-love / / Pleshette DeArmitt New York, : Fordham University Press, 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8232-6100-X 0-8232-5445-3 0-8232-5444-5 0-8232-5447-X 0-8232-5446-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (206 p.) Disciplina 128 Soggetti **Narcissism** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto pt. I. Rousseau: the passions of Narcissus -- pt. II. Kristeva: the rebirth of Narcissus -- pt. III. Derrida: the mourning of Narcissus. Sommario/riassunto This book aims to wrest the concept of narcissism from its common and pejorative meanings— egoism and vanity—by revealing its complexity and importance. DeArmitt undertakes the work of rehabilitating "narcissism" by patiently reexamining the terms and figures that have been associated with it, especially in the writings of Rousseau, Kristeva, and Derrida. These thinkers are known for incisively exposing a certain (traditional) narcissism that has been operative in Western thought and culture and for revealing the violence it has wrought— from the dangers of amour-propre and the pathology of a collective "one's own" to the phantasm of the sovereign One. Nonetheless, each of these thinkers denounces the naive denunciation of "narcissism," as the dangers of a non-negotiation with narcissism are more perilous. By rethinking "narcissism" as a complex structure of

self-relation through the Other, the book reveals the necessity of an

im-possible self-love.