Record Nr. UNISA996524971103316 Autore De Wildt Lars Titolo The Pop Theology of Videogames: Producing and Playing with Religion // Lars de Wildt Pubbl/distr/stampa Amsterdam:,: Amsterdam University Press,, 2023 **ISBN** 90-485-5513-2 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (158 pages): illustrations Collana Games and Play;; 8. Disciplina 794.8 Video games - Religious aspects - Christianity Soggetti Video games - Religious aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Chapter 1. Introduction -- Part I. Producing Religion "Which choices Nota di contenuto lead game-makers to use religion in their videogames?" -- Chapter 2. Making Religion at Ubisoft -- Chapter 3. Indie-pendent: the Arthouse Gods of Indie games -- Part II. Consuming Religion "How do plavers make sense of and relate to religion in videogames?" -- Chapter 4. Public Religion on Videogame Forums -- Chapter 5. Single-player Religion -- Part III. Conclusion -- Chapter 6. Pop Theology. --Bibliography -- Index. Young people in the West are more likely to encounter religion in Sommario/riassunto videogames than in places of worship like churches, mosques or temples. Lars de Wildt interviews developers and players of games such as Assassin's Creed to find out how and why the Pop Theology of Videogames is so appealing to modern audiences. Based on extensive fieldwork, this book argues that developers of videogames and their players engage in a 'Pop Theology' through which laymen reconsider traditional questions of religion by playing with them. Games allow us to play with religious questions and identities in the same way that children play at being a soldier, or choose to 'play house.' This requires a radical rethinking of religious questions as no longer just questions

of belief or disbelief; but as truths to be tried on, compared, and

discarded at will.