Record Nr. UNINA9910154326003321 Autore Wood Andrew Grant **Titolo** Agustín Lara: a cultural biography Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Oxford University Press,, [2014] ©2014 **ISBN** 0-19-997674-0 0-19-934549-X 1 online resource (xx, 295 pages): illustrations (black and white) Descrizione fisica Currents in Latin American & Iberian music Collana Disciplina 780.92 Soggetti Composers - Mexico 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, filmography and index. Nota di contenuto Sell your love dearly -- Music and Mexican modernity -- From bordello pianist to tropical troubadour: 1897-1930 -- Musical revue, radio and film: 1931-34 -- Palm trees and pirate nights: 1935-41 -- Tales of beauty and the bohemian: 1942-47 -- Postwar cabareteras and boleros: 1948-53 -- To Spain and Veracruz: 1954-70. Sommario/riassunto Few Mexican musicians in the twentieth century achieved as much notoriety or had such an international impact as the popular singer and songwriter Agustin Lara (1897-1970). However, there exists very little biographical literature on Lara in English. This book's informed and informative placement of Lara's work in a broader cultural context presents a reading of the life of this significant musical figure. Lara's career as a media celebrity as well as musician provides an excellent

window on Mexican society in the mid-twentieth century and on

popular culture in Latin America.