1. Record Nr. UNINA9910219865603321 Autore Wolff Janet Titolo Austerity baby / / Janet Wolff Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester University Press, 2017 Manchester, England:,: Manchester University Press,, 2017 ©2017 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (iv, 262 pages): illustrations (some colour), maps, facsimiles, portraits; digital, PDF file(s) Disciplina 941.0820922 Soggetti Art critics - England - Manchester Art and society Jews - Social conditions - 20th century Jewish families Jewish families - England **England Manchester** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. 1. Atlantic moves -- 2. Provincial matters -- 3. Aliens -- 4. Colour Nota di contenuto (mainly blue) --5. Austerity baby --6. Tante Leonie --7. Houses and barns -- 8. Philately and chemistry -- 9. Spinster -- 10. Annunciation --Postscript -- Acknowledgements -- Family trees -- Image credits --Bibliography. Sommario/riassunto "Austerity Baby might best be described as an 'oblique memoir'. Janet Wolff's fascinating volume is a family history – but one that is digressive and consistently surprising. The central underlying and repeated themes of the book are exile and displacement; lives (and deaths) during the Third Reich: mother-daughter and sibling relationships; the generational transmission of trauma and experience; transatlantic reflections; and the struggle for creative expression. Stories mobilised, and people encountered, in the course of the narrative include: the internment of aliens in Britain during the Second

World War; cultural life in Rochester, New York, in the 1920s; the social and personal meanings of colour(s); the industrialist and philanthropist,

Henry Simon of Manchester, including his relationship with the Norwegian explorer, Fridtjof Nansen; the liberal British campaigner and MP of the 1940s, Eleanor Rathbone; reflections on the lives and images of spinsters. The text is supplemented and interrupted throughout by images (photographs, paintings, facsimile documents), some of which serve to illustrate the story, others engaging indirectly with the written word."