1. Record Nr. UNINA9910254775803321 Autore Henderson Lizanne Titolo Witchcraft and Folk Belief in the Age of Enlightenment: Scotland, 1670-1740 / / by Lizanne Henderson Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, 2016 **ISBN** 9780230294387 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XV, 382 p.) Collana Palgrave Historical Studies in Witchcraft and Magic Disciplina 941 Soggetti Great Britain—History Civilization—History Religion—History History, Modern Social history History of Britain and Ireland **Cultural History** History of Religion Modern History Social History History Scotland Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto Taking an interdisciplinary perspective, Witchcraft and Folk Belief in the Age of Enlightenment represents the first in-depth investigation of Scottish witchcraft and witch belief post-1662, the period of supposed decline of such beliefs, an age which has been referred to as the 'long

eighteenth century', coinciding with the Scottish Enlightenment. The late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries were undoubtedly a

supernatural, at the interface between folk belief and the philosophies of the learned. For the latter the eradication of such beliefs equated

period of transition and redefinition of what constituted the

with progress and civilization but for others, such as the devout, witch belief was a matter of faith, such that fear and dread of witches and their craft lasted well beyond the era of the major witch-hunts. This study seeks to illuminate the distinctiveness of the Scottish experience, to assess the impact of enlightenment thought upon witch belief, and to understand how these beliefs operated across all levels of Scottish society.