

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910456591603321
Autore	Brook Vincent
Titolo	Driven to Darkness : Jewish Emigre Directors and the Rise of Film Noir / / Vincent Brook
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New Brunswick, NJ : , : Rutgers University Press, , [2009] ©2009
ISBN	1-280-49243-0 9786613587664 0-8135-4833-0
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (299 p.)
Disciplina	791.43/6556 791.436556
Soggetti	Film noir - History and criticism - United States Jewish motion picture producers and directors - United States Electronic books.
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- 1. Introduction -- 2. Jews in Germany: Torn Between Two Worlds -- 3. Jews and Expressionism: "Performing High and Low" -- 4. The Father of Film Noir: Fritz Lang -- 5. Fritz Lang in Hollywood -- 6. The French Connection: Robert Siodmak -- 7. Viennese Twins: Billy and Willy Wilder -- 8. The ABZs of Film Noir: Otto Preminger and Edgar G. Ulmer -- 9. Woman's Directors: Curtis Bernhardt and Max Ophuls -- 10. Pathological Noir, Populist Noir, and an Act of Violence: John Brahm, Anatole Litvak, Fred Zinnemann -- Appendix: American Film Noirs by Jewish Émigré Directors -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	From its earliest days, the American film industry has attracted European artists. With the rise of Hitler, filmmakers of conscience in Germany and other countries, particularly those of Jewish origin, found it difficult to survive and fled for their work and their lives to the United States. Some had trouble adapting to Hollywood, but many were celebrated for their cinematic contributions, especially to the dark shadows of film noir. Driven to Darkness explores the influence of

Jewish TmigrT directors and the development of this genre. While filmmakers such as Fritz Lang, Billy Wilder, Otto Preminger, and Edward G. Ulmer have been acknowledged as crucial to the noir canon, the impact of their Jewishness on their work has remained largely unexamined until now. Through lively and original analyses of key films, Vincent Brook penetrates the darkness, shedding new light on this popular film form and the artists who helped create it.
