Record Nr. UNINA9910457342403321 Autore McLean lain **Titolo** Adam Smith, radical and egalitarian [[electronic resource]]: an interpretation for the twenty-first century / / Iain McLean Edinburgh,: Edinburgh University Press, 2006 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-7486-7211-7 **ISBN** 1-280-53844-9 9786610538447 0-7486-2705-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (193 p.) Disciplina 330.153092 Soggetti Economics - Philosophy Enlightenment - Scotland Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. includes bibliographical references (p. [158]-165) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto COVER; Contents; Foreword by Rt Hon. Gordon Brown; A Note on Citations; Preface: A Scotsman Looks at the World; 1 The Life of an Absent-minded Professor; 2 A Weak State and a Weak Church; 3 A Non-religious Grounding of Morals: Smith and the Scottish Enlightenment; 4 Merriment and Diversion: Smith on Public Finance and Public Choice; 5 The Invisible Hand and the Helping Hand; 6 The French and American Smiths; 7 Adam Smith Today; Appendix; Notes on Further Reading; References; Index; Aims to show that Adam Smith (1723-90), the author of "The Wealth of Sommario/riassunto Nations", was not the promoter of ruthless laissez-faire capitalism that is frequently depicted. Smith's "right-wing" reputation was sealed after his death when it was not safe to claim that an author may have

influenced the French revolutionaries.