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Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- A Word About the Translation -- Hindu Categories for First-Time Readers -- Chronology. Events Pertaining to the Widow Marriage Movement in Bengal -- Introduction -- HINDU WIDOW MARRIAGE. The Complete English Translation -- Book One -- Book Two -- Glossary -- Bibliography -- Index of Sanskrit Passages -- Index of Names and Terms
Sommario/riassunto	Before the passage of the Hindu Widow's Re-marriage Act of 1856, Hindu tradition required a woman to live as a virtual outcast after her husband's death. Widows were expected to shave their heads, discard their jewelry, live in seclusion, and undergo regular acts of penance. Ishvarchandra Vidyasagar was the first Indian intellectual to successfully argue against these strictures. A Sanskrit scholar and passionate social reformer, Vidyasagar was a leading proponent of widow marriage in colonial India, urging his contemporaries to reject a ban that caused countless women to suffer needlessly.Vidyasagar's

brilliant strategy paired a rereading of Hindu scripture with an emotional plea on behalf of the widow, resulting in an organic reimagining of Hindu law and custom. Vidyasagar made his case through the two-part publication *Hindu Widow Marriage*, a tour de force of logic, erudition, and humanitarian rhetoric. In this new translation, Brian A. Hatcher makes available in English for the first time the entire text of one of the most important nineteenth-century treatises on Indian social reform. An expert on Vidyasagar, Hinduism, and colonial Bengal, Hatcher enhances the original treatise with a substantial introduction describing Vidyasagar's multifaceted career, as well as the history of colonial debates on widow marriage. He innovatively interprets the significance of *Hindu Widow Marriage* within modern Indian intellectual history by situating the text in relation to indigenous commentarial practices. Finally, Hatcher increases the accessibility of the text by providing an overview of basic Hindu categories for first-time readers, a glossary of technical vocabulary, and an extensive bibliography.

2. Record Nr.	UNINA9910345133703321
Autore	Finley M. I (Moses I.), <1912-1986., >
Titolo	Democracy ancient and modern / / by M.I. Finley
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New Brunswick, N.J., : Rutgers University Press, c1985
Edizione	[Revised edition.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xii, 191 p.)
Collana	Mason Welch Gross lectureship series
Disciplina	320.938/5
Soggetti	Democracy - History History Athens (Greece) Politics and government
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
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Note generali	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Sommario/riassunto	This elegant and provocative book is perhaps more important now than when it was first published. The three essays that comprised the first

edition developed a remarkable discourse between ancient Greek and modern conceptions of democracy, in the belief that each society could help us understand the other. To the original three essays, Sir M.I. Finley has added two that clarify and elaborate the thinking of the first edition. The two new essays, "Athenian Dialogues" and "Censorship in Classical Antiquity" combine with "Leaders and Followers," "Democracy, Consensus, and the National Interest," "Socrates and After" to make this book an unusual inquiry. Few contemporary writers are able to bring to the subject the depth of learning and the persuasive power of language that Sir M.I. Finley brings.
