Record Nr. UNINA9910463552903321 Titolo Mirage / / anonymous; translated by Patrick Hanan Sha Tin New Town, Hong Kong:,: The Chinese University Press,, Pubbl/distr/stampa [2014] ©2014 **ISBN** 962-996-957-2 1 online resource (xv, 371 pages) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 895.13520803538 Soggetti Erotic stories. Chinese Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Translated into English from the original Chinese. Includes bibliographical references (pages 370-371). Nota di bibliografia Sommario/riassunto The young son of the Chinese traders' association head, who dealt with foreign merchants in the port of Guangzhou, is suddenly burdened with the responsibility of his powerful family. A latter-day Baoyu, but with far stronger sexual impulses, this son must learn to tame his libido while conducting himself prudently in Guangzhou society. This littleknown novel, titled Shenlou zhi, is translated here for the first time. Published in 1804, it is the earliest novel to deal with the opium trade and is closely connected to events that occurred in Guangzhou and Huizhou just before its publication: the arrival of a new superintendent of customs in Guangzhou and the outbreak of rebellion in Huizhou. This strikingly original work advances the culture of adolescence first depicted in Honglou meng and showcases, in its account of the

rebellion, the romantic conventions of Shuihu zhuan.