Record Nr. UNINA9910464131003321 Classic Yiddish Stories of S. Y. Abramovitsh, Sholem Aleichem, and I. L. **Titolo** Peretz [[electronic resource] /] / edited by Ken Frieden; translated by Ken Frieden, Ted Gorelick, and Michael Wex Syracuse, N.Y., : Syracuse University Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8156-5088-4 Edizione [1st paperback ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (306 p.) Judaic traditions in literature, music, and art Collana Altri autori (Persone) PeretzIsaac Leib <1851 or 1852-1915.> Sholem Aleichem <1859-1916.> Mendele Mokher Sefarim <1835-1917.> WexMichael <1954-> GorelickTed FriedenKen <1955-> Disciplina 839.13010803 Soggetti Jews - Social life and customs Short stories, Yiddish Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 285-286). Nota di contenuto Abramovitsh: The liitle man -- Fishke the lame; Aleichem: Hodel --Chava -- Holiday dainties; Advice; Joseph; A business with a greenhorn; Peretz: Shtrayml -- Kabbalists -- Teachings of the Hasidim -- The rebbe's pipe -- If not higher -- Between two mountains. Sommario/riassunto "Two novellas by S. Y. Abramovitsh open this collection of the best short works by three influential nineteenth-century Jewish authors. Abramovitsh's alter ego - Mendele the Book Peddler - introduces himself and narrates both The Little Man and Fishke the Lame. His cast of characters includes Isaac Abraham as tailor's apprentice, choirboy, and corrupt businessman; Mendele's friend Wine 'n' Candles Alter; and Fishke, who travels through the Ukraine with a caravan of beggars." "Sholem Aleichem's lively stories reintroduce us to Teyve, the gregarious dairyman, as he describes the pleasures of raising his

independent-minded daughters. These are followed by short

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