Record Nr. UNINA9910465388803321 Autore Margadant Ted W. <1941-> Titolo French peasants in revolt [[electronic resource]]: the insurrection of 1851 / / by Ted W. Margadant Princeton,: Princeton University Press, c1979 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-57874-3 9786613891198 1-4008-2032-4 Edizione [Course Book] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (406 p.) Disciplina 944.07 Peasant uprisings - France Soggetti Electronic books. France History Coup d'etat, 1851 Inglese Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- List of Maps -- List of Tables --Abbreviations -- Preface -- Introduction -- 1. The Regional Structure of Revolt -- 2. The Economic Foundations of Peasant Mobilization -- 3. The Social Geography of Revolt -- 4. Agrarian Depression and the Social Bases of Insurgency -- 5. Political Modernization and Insurgency -- 6. Building Underground -- 7. Sources of Montagnard Solidarity --8. The People's Leadership -- 9. Patterns of Repression -- 10. The Dynamics of Armed Mobilizations -- 11. Collective Violence -- 12. The Triumph of Counterrevolution -- Conclusion -- Bibliography -- Index -- Backmatter Sommario/riassunto The triumphant rise of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte over his Republican opponents has been the central theme of most narrative accounts of mid-nineteenth-century France, while resistance to the coup d'état generally has been neglected. By placing the insurrection of December 1851 in a broad perspective of socioeconomic and political development, Ted Margadant displays its full significance as a turning point in modern French history. He argues that, as the first expression of a new form of political participation on the part of the peasants.

resistance to the coup was of greater importance than previously

supposed. Furthermore, it provides and appropriate testing ground for more general theories of peasant movements and popular revolts. Using manuscript materials in French national and departmental archives that cover all the major areas of revolt, the author examines the insurrection in depth on a national scale. After a brief discussion of the main characteristics of the insurrection, he analyzes its economic and social foundations; the dialectic of repression and conspiracy that fostered the political crisis; and the armed mobilizations, violence, and massive arrests that exploded as the result. A final chapter considers the implications of the insurrection for larger issues in the social and political history of modern France.