1. Record Nr. UNINA9910720868503321 Autore **Grover Mary** Titolo Steel City Readers: Reading for Pleasure in Sheffield, 1925-1955 Pubbl/distr/stampa Liverpool:,: Liverpool University Press,, 2023 ©2023 **ISBN** 1-83764-684-8 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 pages) Liverpool English Texts and Studies;; v.99 Collana Disciplina 028.909428210904 Soggetti Books and reading - England England Social life and customs 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Sommario/riassunto Steel City Readers makes available, and interprets in detail, a large body of new evidence about past cultures and communities of reading. Its distinctive method is to listen to readers' own voices, rather than theorising about them as an undifferentiated group. Its cogent and engaging structure traces reading journeys from childhood into education and adulthood, and attends to settings from home to school to library. It has a distinctive focus on reading for pleasure and its framework of argument situates that type of reading in relation to dimensions of gender and class. It is grounded in place, and particularly in the context of a specific industrial city: Sheffield. The men and women featured in the book, coming to adulthood in the 1930s and 1940s, rarely regarded reading as a means of selfimprovement. It was more usually a compulsive and intensely

pleasurable private activity.