Record Nr. UNINA9910779073403321 Autore Cohen Martin Titolo The eclipse of 'elegant economy' [[electronic resource]]: the impact of the Second World War on attitudes to personal finance in Britain // Martin Cohen Farnham, Surrey; ; Burlington, Vt., : Ashgate Pub., 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-317-03472-4 1-315-61587-8 1-317-03471-6 1-283-48007-7 9786613480071 1-4094-3973-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (263 p.) Collana Modern economic and social history series Disciplina 330.941/0855 Soggetti Finance, Personal - Great Britain - History World War, 1939-1945 Consumption (Economics) - Great Britain Great Britain Economic conditions 1945-1964 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Introduction -- Fleeting crescent (1918 to 1939 and before) --Nota di contenuto Petrified "capitalists" (the Second World War) -- Short dawn (1945 to 1947) -- First quartile (1948 to 1951) -- Dividend-seeking "socialists" (the co-operative movement) -- Spreading shadow (1951 to 1957) --Total eclipse and its corona (1957 and beyond). With concepts of 'austerity' very much in the news, this book takes a Sommario/riassunto fresh look at attitudes to consumption, consumerism and personal finance in Britain during the middle decades of the twentieth century. It argues that the pre-War fear of debt and social disdain for conspicuous consumption was replaced during the 1940's and 1950's by widespread acceptance of a consumer society. As the financial woes of the 21st century force a reassessment of the sustainability of a consumer-based

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