

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910781728303321
Autore	Eller Cynthia
Titolo	Gentlemen and Amazons : The Myth of Matriarchal Prehistory, 1861-1900 // Cynthia Eller
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Berkeley, CA : , : University of California Press, , [2011] ©2011
ISBN	1-283-29181-9 9786613291813 0-520-94855-6
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (291 p.)
Disciplina	306.85/9 306.859
Soggetti	Women, Prehistoric Religion, Prehistoric Matriarchy Matrilineal kinship Patriarchy Feminist theory
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Front matter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments -- 1. The Travels and Travails of Matriarchal Myth -- 2. Amazons Everywhere: Matriarchal Myth before Bachofen -- 3. On the Launching Pad: J. J. Bachofen and 'Das Mutterrech' -- 4. The Matriarchal Explosion: Anthropology Finds Mother Right (and Itself) -- 5. Making Matriarchal Myth Work: Communists and Feminists Discover the Mother Age -- 6. Mother Right on the Continent -- 7. Struggling to Stay Alive: Anthropology and Matriarchal Myth -- 8. Matriarchal Myth in the Late Nineteenth Century: Why Then? Why Not Before? -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Gentlemen and Amazons traces the nineteenth-century genesis and development of an important contemporary myth about human origins: that of an original prehistoric matriarchy. Cynthia Eller explores the

intellectual history of the myth, which arose from male scholars who mostly wanted to vindicate the patriarchal family model as a higher stage of human development. Eller tells the stories these men told, analyzes the gendered assumptions they made, and provides the necessary context for understanding how feminists of the 1970's and 1980's embraced as historical "fact" a discredited nineteenth-century idea.
