Record Nr. UNINA9910781741303321 Autore Carruthers Jo **Titolo** England's secular scripture [[electronic resource]]: Islamophobia and the Protestant aesthetic / / Jo Carruthers Pubbl/distr/stampa London, : Continuum, 2011 0-8264-3937-3 **ISBN** 1-283-27432-9 9786613274328 1-4411-4275-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (161 p.) Collana New directions in religion and literature Disciplina 820.9382 Soggetti Religion and literature - England Religion and culture - England Protestantism - England Islamophobia - England 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 Cover; Half-title; Title; Copyright; CONTENTS; ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS; SERIES EDITORS' PREFACE: INTRODUCTION: CHAPTER ONE THE ENGLISH REFORMATION AND THE PROTESTANT AESTHETIC; CHAPTER TWO SECULARIZING THE PROTESTANT AESTHETIC; CHAPTER THREE CONTEMPORARY ENGLISHNESS AND THE PROTESTANT AESTHETIC; CHAPTER FOUR THE PROTESTANT AESTHETIC AND ISLAMOPHOBIA; NOTES; BIBLIOGRAPHY; INDEX Sommario/riassunto England's Secular Scripture seeks to trace English Islamophobia to its roots in England's Protestant past, and more specifically to its aesthetic and literary rooting in Protestant values. Carruthers argues that English antagonism towards Islam lies in part in the formation of English identities in early modern Reformation Protestantism. The book traces the transposing, and secularizing, of Reformation doctrines into a 'Protestant aesthetic'; of simplicity, individualism, and rationalism in the literature of Spenser and Milton. Wordsworth, Hardy, Eliot and Orwell, among others, perpetuate this