

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910781872803321
Autore	Costigliola Frank <1946->
Titolo	Roosevelt's lost alliances [[electronic resource] ] : how personal politics helped start the Cold War // Frank Costigliola
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Princeton, : Princeton University Press, c2012
ISBN	1-283-30327-2 9786613303271 1-4008-3952-1
Edizione	[Course Book]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (viii, 533 pages)
Disciplina	940.53/22
Soggetti	World War, 1939-1945 - Diplomatic history Cold War - Diplomatic history United States Foreign relations 1933-1945 United States Foreign relations 1945-1953 United States Foreign relations Soviet Union Soviet Union Foreign relations United States United States Foreign relations Great Britain Great Britain Foreign relations United States
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	Key Players -- Introduction -- Chapter 1. A Portrait of the Allies as Young Men -- Chapter 2. From Missy to Molotov -- Chapter 3. The Personal Touch -- Chapter 4. Transcending Differences -- Chapter 5. Creating the "Family Circle" -- Chapter 6. "I've Worked It Out" -- Chapter 7. The Diplomacy of Trauma -- Chapter 8. Guns and Kisses in the Kremlin -- Chapter 9. "Roosevelt's Death Has Changed Everything" -- Chapter 10. The Lost Alliance -- Conclusion and Epilogue.
Sommario/riassunto	In the spring of 1945, as the Allied victory in Europe was approaching, the shape of the postwar world hinged on the personal politics and flawed personalities of Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. Roosevelt's Lost Alliances captures this moment and shows how FDR crafted a winning coalition by overcoming the different habits, upbringings, sympathies, and past experiences of the three leaders. In particular, Roosevelt

trained his famous charm on Stalin, lavishing respect on him, salving his insecurities, and rendering him more amenable to compromise on some matters. Yet, even as he pursued a lasting peace, FDR was alienating his own intimate circle of advisers and becoming dangerously isolated. After his death, postwar cooperation depended on Harry Truman, who, with very different sensibilities, heeded the embittered "Soviet experts" his predecessor had kept distant. A Grand Alliance was painstakingly built and carelessly lost. The Cold War was by no means inevitable. This landmark study brings to light key overlooked documents, such as the Yalta diary of Roosevelt's daughter Anna; the intimate letters of Roosevelt's de facto chief of staff, Missy LeHand; and the wiretap transcripts of estranged adviser Harry Hopkins. With a gripping narrative and subtle analysis, *Roosevelt's Lost Alliances* lays out a new approach to foreign relations history. Frank Costigliola highlights the interplay between national political interests and more contingent factors, such as the personalities of leaders and the culturally conditioned emotions forming their perceptions and driving their actions. Foreign relations flowed from personal politics--a lesson pertinent to historians, diplomats, and citizens alike.

---