Record Nr. UNINA9910782716503321 Autore Diemert Brian <1959-> Titolo Graham Greene's thrillers and the 1930s [[electronic resource] /] / Brian Diemert Pubbl/distr/stampa Montreal, Que., : McGill-Queen's University Press, 1996 **ISBN** 1-282-85408-9 9786612854088 0-7735-6617-1 Descrizione fisica viii, 237 p 823/.912 Disciplina Political fiction, English - History and criticism Soggetti Great Britain Social life and customs 1918-1945 Inglese Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Front Matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Abbreviations --Nota di contenuto Graham Greene and the 1930s -- Exploring the Popular in Two Early Novels: Stamboul Train and England Made Me -- Aspects of Detective Fiction -- Approaches to the Thriller in Greene's Early Work -- Thrillers of the 1930s -- The Ministry of Fear -- The End of This Affair -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Diemert traces Greene's adaptation of nineteenth-century romance thrillers and classical detective stories into modern political thrillers as a means of presenting serious concerns in an engaging fashion. He argues that Greene's popular thrillers were in part a reaction to the high modernism of writers such as James Joyce, Gertrude Stein, and Virginia Woolf, whose esoteric experiments with language were disengaged from immediate social concerns and inaccessible to a large segment of the reading public. Graham Greene's Thrillers and the 1930s investigates some of Greene's best-known works, such as A Gun for Sale, Brighton Rock, and The Ministry of Fear, and shows how they reflect the evolution of Greene's sense of the importance of popular

culture in the 1930s.