Record Nr. UNINA9910783262603321 Autore LeBeau Bryan F **Titolo** The atheist [[electronic resource]]: Madalyn Murray O'Hair / / Bryan F. Le Beau Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, : New York University Press, c2003 **ISBN** 0-8147-5285-3 0-8147-6516-5 1-4175-8827-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (401 p.) Disciplina 211/.8/092 В Soggetti Atheists - United States 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 (p. 323-368) and index. Nota di contenuto Out of obscurity -- Murray v. Curlett -- The most hated woman in America -- The atheist -- Why I am an atheist -- Articulating the atheist position -- O'Hair's prominence recedes -- O'Hair retires --Epilogue: The strange disappearance of Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Sommario/riassunto In 1964, Life magazine called Madalyn Murray O'Hair "the most hated woman in America." Another critic described her as "rude, impertinent, blasphemous, a destroyer not only of beliefs but of esteemed values.". In this first full-length biography, Bryan F. Le Beau offers a penetrating assessment of O'Hair's beliefs and actions and a probing discussion of how she came to represent both what Americans hated in their enemies and feared in themselves. Born in 1919, O'Hair was a divorced mother of two children born out of wedlock. She launched a crusade against

God, often using foul language as she