Record Nr. UNINA9910785013003321 Autore Usner Daniel H **Titolo** Indian work [[electronic resource]]: language and livelihood in Native American history / / Daniel H. Usner, Jr Cambridge, Mass., : Harvard University Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-674-05474-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (215 p.) 330.9730089/97 Disciplina Soggetti Indians of North America - Economic conditions Indians of North America - Employment Indians of North America - Public opinion White people - Relations with Indians Public opinion - United States United States Race relations United States Social policy United States Economic policy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [149]-187) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: The pursuit of livelihood and the production of language -- Inventing the hunter state: Iroquois livelihood in Jeffersonian America -- Narratives of decline and disappearance: the changing presence of American Indians in early Natchez -- The discourse over poverty: Indian treaty rights and welfare policy -- Perceptions of authenticity and passivity: Indian basket making in post-Civil War Louisiana -- Primitivism and tourism: Indian livelihood in D.H. Lawrence's New Mexico. Sommario/riassunto Representations of Indian economic life have played an integral role in discourses about poverty, social policy, and cultural difference but have received surprisingly little attention. Daniel Usner dismantles ideological characterizations of Indian livelihood to reveal the intricacy

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