Record Nr. UNINA9910787707803321 Autore Yeh Diana Titolo The happy Hsiungs: performing China and the struggle for modernity / / Diana Yeh Hong Kong, China:,: Hong Kong University Press,, 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2014 **ISBN** 988-8268-59-7 988-8268-58-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (225 p.) Collana RAS China in Shanghai series Disciplina 895.185109 Autobiographical fiction - History and criticism Soggetti Biography as a literary form American literature - 19th century - History and criticism American literature - 20th century - History and criticism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Illustrations -- Acknowledgements -- Note on transliteration --Prelude -- Chapter 1. Adrift in New China: learning, love and labour --Chapter 2. 'Try something different. Something really Chinese' --Chapter 3. 'The greatest success': the rise to global fame -- Chapter 4. China fashion and the politics of success -- Chapter 5. The kaleidoscope of China: authenticity, orientalism and discontents --Chapter 6. The end to old Cathay? -- Chapter 7. 'Looking like an English household': performing class, family and home -- Chapter 8. Goddess, housewife, writer -- Chapter 9. Into the shadows -- Chapter 10. Global and contemporary revivals -- Afterword -- Glossary of names -- Notes -- Selected bibliography -- Index. The Happy Hsiungs recovers the histories of two married Chinese Sommario/riassunto writers who lived and worked in Britain from the 1930's onwards. Shih-I Hsiung shot to worldwide fame with his play "Lady Precious Stream," while Dymia Hsiung was the first Chinese woman to publish a fictional autobiography in English of her life in Britain.