Record Nr. UNINA9910787724403321 Autore Jarvie Paul <1949, > Titolo Ready to trample on all human law: financial capitalism in the fiction of Charles Dickens / / Paul A. Jarvie New York:,: Routledge,, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-135-48851-7 1-135-48844-4 0-203-95917-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (216 p.) Collana Studies in major literary authors Disciplina 823/.8 Capitalism and literature - Great Britain - History - 19th century Soggetti Capitalists and financiers in literature Economics in literature Finance in literature 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 (pages 195-200) and index. Cover; Title Page; Copyright Page; Dedication; Table of Contents; Nota di contenuto Acknowledgments: Introduction Dickens's Evolving Critique of Financial Capitalism; Chapter One ""I hold myself released from such hard bargains as these"": Nicholas Nickleby and ""Brotherly"" Capitalism: Chapter Two ""With what astrange mastery it seized him for itself"": The Conversion of the Financier in A Christmas Carol; Chapter Three ""Terribly wild rang the panic cry"": Finance, Panic and the Struggle for Life in Little Dorrit Chapter Four ""Among the dying and the dead"": Metonymy and Finance Capitalism in Our Mutual FriendConclusion; Notes; Works Cited; Index Sommario/riassunto This book explores the relationship between Dickens's novels and the financial system. Elements of Dickens's work form a critique of financial capitalism. This critique is rooted in the difference between use-value and exchange-value, and in the difference between productive circulations and mere accumulation. In a money-based society, exchange-value and accumulation dominate to the point where they infect even the most important and sacred relationships between parts of society and individuals. This study explores Dickens's critique from