Record Nr. UNINA9910790618403321 Autore Salman Jeroen **Titolo** Pedlars and the popular press: itinerant distribution networks in England and the Netherlands 1600-1850 / / by Jeroen Salman Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden:,: Brill,, [2013] ©2014 **ISBN** 90-04-25285-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (303 p.) Collana Library of the written word: the handpress world;; volume 21 Library of the written word, , 1874-4834; ; volume 29 Disciplina 381.450020942 381/.450020942 Soggetti Book industries and trade - Social aspects - England Book industries and trade - Social aspects - Netherlands Book industries and trade - England - History - 17th century Book industries and trade - England - History - 18th century Book industries and trade - Netherlands - History - 17th century Book industries and trade - Netherlands - History - 18th century Peddling - England - History - 17th century Peddling - England - History - 18th century Peddling - Netherlands - History - 17th century Peddling - Netherlands - History - 18th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographies and index. Preliminary Material -- Introduction -- Reputation and Representation Nota di contenuto -- The Pedlar in the English Distribution Network -- The Pedlar in the Dutch Distribution Network -- Conclusion: A Comparative Perspective on Itinerant Networks -- Bibliography -- Index of Names, Places and Major Topics. Sommario/riassunto Itinerant salesmen, also called pedlars, street hawkers, hucksters and ballad singers are considered to be the most important distributors of popular printed matter in Europe between 1600 and 1850. A general assumption is that the pedlar travelling from town to countryside was

strongly distinct from the role of the established booksellers in the

towns, selling books to the educated and affluent buyer. The commercial position of the urban pedlars, however, is very often underestimated. In this book, therefore, the itinerant book trade is studied in an English and Dutch, urban context, leading to a new perspective on the role of the pedlars as an intermediary between the established booksellers and an extensive, socially diverse reading public.