1. Record Nr. UNINA9910790632303321 Autore Calt Stephen Titolo I'd rather be the devil [[electronic resource]]: Skip James + the blues / / Stephen Calt Chicago,: Chicago Review Press, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-56976-997-4 **ISBN** 1-56976-996-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (401 p.) Disciplina 781.643092 Blues musicians - United States Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Reprint. Originally published: New York: Da Capo Press, 1994. "An A Cappella book." Includes indexes. Nota di contenuto Cover; Copyright; Contents; Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four; Part Five; Part Six; Afterword; Transcription: Devil Got My Woman; Appendix: Idioms; Subject Index; Song Index Providing a clear look into the life of one of the greatest Mississippi Sommario/riassunto bluesmen, this is the first biography of the late Skip James, perhaps the most creative and idiosyncratic of all blues musicians. His 1931 performances of ""Devil Got My Woman,"" ""I'm So Glad,"" and ""22-20 Blues"" are masterpieces that transcend the genre. Drawing largely on hundreds of hours of conversations with James himself, it paints a dark and unforgettable portrait of a man untroubled by his own murderous inclinations, a man who achieved one moment of transcendent

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