1. Record Nr. UNINA9910793727003321 Autore Fry Helen Titolo The Walls Have Ears: The Greatest Intelligence Operation of World War II / / Helen Fry Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven, CT:,: Yale University Press,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 0-300-24901-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (351 pages) Classificazione K561.46 Disciplina 940.548641 Soggetti World War, 1939-1945 - Secret service - Great Britain History **Great Britain** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgements --Abbreviations -- Prologue. Decades Of Silence -- 1. The Tower Of London -- 2. M Room Operations -- 3. Trent Park -- 4. Prized Prisoners, Idle Chatter -- 5. The Spider -- 6. Battle Of The Generals --7. Mad Hatter's Tea Party -- 8. Secret Listeners -- 9. Rocket Science --10. 'Our Guests' -- 11. Saga Of The Generals -- 12. War Crimes And The Holocaust -- 13. Breaking The German Will To Resist -- 14. British Intelligence, POWs and War Crimes Trials -- 15. Always Listening --EPILOGUE. Secrets To The Grave -- Appendix of Intelligence Staff --Notes -- Bibliography -- Index A history of the elaborate and brilliantly sustained World War II Sommario/riassunto intelligence operation by which Hitler's generals were tricked into giving away vital Nazi secrets At the outbreak of World War II, MI6 spymaster Thomas Kendrick arrived at the Tower of London to set up a top secret operation: German prisoners' cells were to be bugged and listeners installed behind the walls to record and transcribe their private conversations. This mission proved so effective that it would go

on to be set up at three further sites-and provide the Allies with crucial insight into new technology being developed by the Nazis. In this astonishing history, Helen Fry uncovers the inner workings of the

bugging operation. On arrival at stately-homes-turned-prisons like Trent Park, high-ranking German generals and commanders were given a ";phony"; interrogation, then treated as ";guests,"; wined and dined at exclusive clubs, and encouraged to talk. And so it was that the Allies got access to some of Hitler's most closely guarded secrets-and from those most entrusted to protect them.