1. Record Nr. UNINA9910795058403321 Autore Graham Sandra J (Sandra Jean) Titolo Spirituals and the birth of a black entertainment industry / / Sandra Jean Graham Pubbl/distr/stampa Urbana, Illinois:,: University of Illinois Press,, 2018 ©2018 **ISBN** 0-252-05030-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Collana Music in American life Disciplina 782.2530973 African Americans - Music - History and criticism Soggetti Jubilee singers Spirituals (Songs) - United States - 19th century - History and criticism Minstrel shows - United States - History - 19th century **Blackface** Racism against Black people Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto Spirituals performed by jubilee troupes became a sensation in post-Civil War America. First brought to the stage by choral ensembles like the Fisk Jubilee Singers, spirituals anchored a wide range of late 19thcentury entertainments, including minstrelsy, variety, and plays by both black and white companies. In this work on postbellum spirituals in theatrical entertainments, Sandra Jean Graham mines a trove of resources to chart the spiritual's journey from the private lives of slaves to the concert stage. Graham navigates the conflicting agendas of those who, in adapting spirituals for their own ends, sold conceptions of

racial identity to their patrons.