Record Nr. UNINA9910797762203321 Autore Frey Jon M. Titolo Spolia in fortifications and the common builder in late antiquity / / by Jon M. Frey Leiden, Netherlands;; Boston, [Massachusetts]:,: Brill,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2016 **ISBN** 90-04-28967-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (234 p.) Collana Mnemosyne Supplements. History and Archaeology of Classical Antiquity, , 2352-8656 ; ; Volume 389 725/.18 Disciplina Fortification - Greece - History - To 1500 Soggetti Building materials - Recycling - Greece - History - To 1500 Aegina Island (Greece) Antiquities Isthmia (Greece) Antiquities Sparta (Extinct city) Greece History, Military To 146 B.C 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 and index. Front Matter -- Introduction -- Themes -- Reuse as Repair: The Nota di contenuto "Inscription Wall" at Aegina -- Reuse as Reinterpretation: Section R at Sparta -- Reuse as Rejection: The Fortress at Isthmia -- Spoliation as Process, Military Strategy, and Democratization -- Works Cited --Index of Names and Subjects. Through intensive surveys of three fortifications in late Roman Greece, Sommario/riassunto Frey reveals the untapped potential of spolia in demonstrating the critical role played by non-elites in bringing about the architectural and social changes that mark the end of classical antiquity. As his analysis demonstrates, when studied less as displaced objects to be classified by type and more as evidence for the construction process itself, spolia

> offer a unique opportunity to examine the ways in which common builders met the challenge of using pre-existing building materials to meet their contemporary architectural needs. This "bottom-up" approach offers an alternative to the traditional view that attributes change and innovation only to the genius of prominent individuals