Record Nr. UNINA9910800123903321 Autore Zerubavel Eviatar **Titolo** Ancestors and relatives: genealogy, identity, and community / / Eviatar Zerubavel Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Oxford University Press,, 2012 ©2012 **ISBN** 1-283-34886-1 9786613348869 0-19-977398-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xii, 226 pages): illustrations Disciplina 929/.1 Soggetti Genealogy - Social aspects Genealogy - Psychological aspects Genealogy - Political aspects **Families** Kinship Heredity Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto The genealogical imagination -- Ancestry and descent -- Lineage --Pedigree -- Origins -- Co-descent -- Kinship -- Community and identity -- Nature and culture -- Blood -- Nature or culture? -- The rules of genealogical lineation -- The rules of genealogical delineation -- The politics of descent -- Stretching -- Cutting and pasting --Clipping -- Braiding -- Lumping -- Marginalizing -- Splitting --Pruning -- The genealogy of the future -- Genealogical engineering --Integration -- Segregation -- Extinction -- The future of genealogy. Sommario/riassunto Genealogy has long been one of humanity's greatest obsessions. But with the rise of genetics, and increasing media attention to it through programs like Who Do You Think You Are? and Faces of America, we are now told that genetic markers can definitively tell us who we are and where we came from. The problem, writes Eviatar Zerubavel, is that

biology does not provide us with the full picture. After all, he asks, why

do we consider Barack Obama black even though his mother was white? Why did the Nazis believe that unions of Germans and Jews would produce Jews rather than Germans?