Record Nr. UNINA9910806977903321 Autore Yarrow Andrew L. Titolo Look: how a highly influential magazine helped define mid-twentiethcentury America / / Andrew L. Yarrow Pubbl/distr/stampa Lincoln, Nebraska:,: Potomac Books,, [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 1-61234-944-7 9781640125117 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (384 pages) HIS036060LAN008000 Classificazione Disciplina 051 Soggetti Popular culture - United States - 20th century ebook United States Civilization 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto A forgotten, misunderstood magazine that helped define America's golden era -- In the beginning -- Look's thirty-five years in midtwentieth-century America -- The people who made look -- Singing the praises of postwar prosperity -- Anything is possible -- Look's pioneering role in covering Civil Rights -- Changing families, changing roles -- Changing ideas about women and men -- Baby Boomers --When government and politicians were respected -- Look's "One World" internationalism -- Covers, special features, and popular culture -- The end of Look, the postwar consensus, and America's golden age. "Andrew L. Yarrow tells the story of Look magazine, one of the greatest Sommario/riassunto mass-circulation publications in American history, and the very different United States in which it existed. The all-but-forgotten magazine had an extraordinary influence on mid-twentieth-century America, not only by telling powerful, thoughtful stories and printing outstanding photographs but also by helping to create a national

conversation around a common set of ideas and ideals. Yarrow

describes how the magazine covered the United States and the world, telling stories of people and trends, injustices and triumphs, and

included essays by prominent Americans such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Margaret Mead. It did not shy away from exposing the country's problems, but it always believed that those problems could be solved. Look, which was published from 1937 to 1971 and had about 35 million readers at its peak, was an astute observer with a distinctive take on one of the greatest eras in U.S. history--from winning World War II and building immense, increasingly inclusive prosperity to celebrating grand achievements and advancing the rights of Black and female citizens. Because the magazine shaped Americans' beliefs while guiding the country through a period of profound social and cultural change, this is also a story about how a long-gone form of journalism helped make America better and assured readers it could be better still" --Provided by publisher.