Record Nr. UNINA9910810096003321 Autore Pederson Randall J. <1975-> Titolo Unity in diversity: English Puritans and the Puritan Reformation, 1603-1689 / / Randall J. Pederson Leiden, Netherlands: ,: Brill, , 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2014 **ISBN** 90-04-27851-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (394 p.) Collana Brill's Series in Church History, , 1572-4107; ; Volume 68 Disciplina 285/.9094209032 Puritans - England - History - 17th century Soggetti England Church history 17th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Preliminary Material -- 1 Historiographical Introduction, Methodology, Nota di contenuto Hypothesis, and Structure -- 2 Seventeenth-Century Background -- 3 John Downame (1571–1652) -- 4 Francis Rous (1580/81–1659) -- 5 Tobias Crisp (1600-42/3) -- 6 Unitas within Diversitas: Downame, Rous, and Crisp -- 7 Defining Puritans and Puritanism: Narrative and Metanarrative -- 8 Conclusion -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto Unity in Diversity presents a fresh appraisal of the vibrant and diverse culture of Stuart Puritanism, provides a historiographical and historical survey of current issues within Puritanism, critiques notions of Puritanisms, which tend to fragment the phenomenon, and introduces unitas within diversitas within three divergent Puritans, John Downame, Francis Rous, and Tobias Crisp. This study draws on insights from these three figures to propose that seventeenth-century English Puritanism should be thought of both in terms of Familienähnlichkeit, in which there are strong theological and social semblances across Puritans of divergent persuasions, and in terms of the greater narrative of the Puritan Reformation, which united Puritans in their quest to

reform their church and society.