

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910810214203321
Autore	Roberts Brian <1957->
Titolo	American alchemy : the California Gold Rush and middle-class culture / / Brian Roberts
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Chapel Hill, : University of North Carolina Press, c2000
ISBN	979-88-908699-8-2 0-8078-6093-X
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (356 p.)
Collana	Cultural studies of the United States
Disciplina	979.4/04
Soggetti	Frontier and pioneer life - California Frontier and pioneer life - West (U.S.) Pioneers - California - History - 19th century Pioneers - Northeastern States - History - 19th century Middle class - California - History - 19th century Middle class - Northeastern States - History - 19th century California Gold discoveries Social aspects California Social conditions Northeastern States Social conditions 19th century
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.
Nota di contenuto	Acknowledgments; Introduction; 1. California Gold and Filthy Lucre; 2. Gold Fever as a Cure; 3. Husbands and Wives; 4. Numberless Highways to Fairy Grottos; 5. A Great and Perverse Paradise; Section of Illustrations; 6. California Is a Humbug; 7. Widows and Helpmates; 8. A Wild, Free, Disorderly, Grotesque Society; 9. The Prude Fails; 10. The End of the Flush Times; Conclusion; Notes; Index;
Sommario/riassunto	California during the gold rush was a place of disputed claims, shoot-outs, gambling halls, and prostitution; a place populated by a rough and rebellious figure; a place that seems utterly unconnected to middle-class culture. This work challenges this stereotypical portrait.