Record Nr. UNINA9910812455603321 Autore Marwick Arthur <1936-2006, > Titolo A history of human beauty / / Arthur Marwick Pubbl/distr/stampa London, [England];; New York, New York:,: Hambledon and London, 2004 ©2004 **ISBN** 1-283-20195-X 9786613201959 0-8264-3945-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (305 p.) Altri autori (Persone) MarwickArthur <1936-2006> Disciplina 111.85 Soggetti Aesthetics, Modern Beauty, Personal - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes index. Note generali Contents; Illustrations; Preface; 1 Fascination; 2 Plato, Augustine and Nota di contenuto Mrs Astell; 3 Kings and Concubines; 4 Something Handsome and Cheap: 5 Getting Married: 6 Grandes Horizontales: 7 The Tallest Wins: 8 Movies; 9 The Swinging Sixties; 10 A Gift from the Genes; Notes; Note on Sources: Index If Cleopatra's nose had been half an inch longer, neither Caesar nor Sommario/riassunto Mark Antony would have fallen in love with her. It: A History of Human Beauty treats outstanding physical attractiveness as a quality or possession, comparable to power, intelligence, strength, wealth, education or family, that had a marked effect on history. Beauty in men and women opened opportunities to its possessors not available to the ordinary looking or ugly. While in the past women have had to use the lure of sex to achieve power or wealth, epitomised by royal mistresses or the Grandes Horizontales of the nineteenth