1. Record Nr. UNINA9910812695603321 Autore Darr Orna Alyagon Titolo Marks of an absolute witch: evidentiary dilemmas in early modern England / / Orna Alyagon Darr London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4094-8243-X 1-317-10038-7 1-315-59398-X 1-283-13578-7 9786613135780 1-4094-3024-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (335 p.) Disciplina 345.42/0288 Soggetti Trials (Witchcraft) - England Witchcraft - England - History Witch hunting - England - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "First published 2011 by Ashgate Publishing"--t.p. verso. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto Cover; Contents; List of Figures; Introduction; 1 Pre-trial Procedure; 2 Trial Procedure: 3 Circumstantial Evidence: 4 Ritual Acts and Artefacts of Witchcraft; 5 The Devil's Mark; 6 Imps; 7 The Swimming Test; 8 Scratching; 9 Supernatural Evidentiary Techniques as Experiments; 10 Judicial Assessment of Narratives and Statements; 11 Searching for Reliable Testimony: 12 Confession: Conclusions: Bibliography: Index of Names; Subject Index Sommario/riassunto Exploring the crime of witchcraft in early modern England, this book focuses on legal questions of proof. As a capital crime - yet one that was uniquely difficult to prove - witchcraft investigations and trials offer a fascinating lens through which to observe social and judicial attitudes towards crime, punishment and evidentiary standards.