Record Nr. UNINA9910814631303321 Autore Carlyle Thomas <1795-1881.> Titolo On heroes, hero-worship, & the heroic in history [[electronic resource] /] / notes and introduction by Michael K. Goldberg; text established by Michael K. Goldberg, Joel J. Brattin, and Mark Engel Berkeley,: University of California Press, c1993 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-35665-8 9786612356650 0-520-91153-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (638 p.) Collana The Norman and Charlotte Strouse edition of the writings of Thomas Carlyle Altri autori (Persone) GoldbergM. K <1930-> (Michael K.) BrattinJoel J. <1956-> EngelMark Disciplina 824/.8 Soggetti Heroes Hero worship 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 Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Preface -- Chronology of Carlyle's Life -- Introduction -- Note on the Text -- On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Heroic in History -- Lecture I. The Hero as Divinity. Odin. Paganism: Scandinavian Mythology. -- Lecture II. The Hero as Prophet. Mahomet: Islam. -- Lecture III. The Hero as Poet. Dante; Shakspeare. -- Lecture IV. The Hero as Priest. Luther; Reformation: Knox: Puritanism. -- Lecture V. The Hero as Man of Letters. Johnson, Rousseau, Burns. -- Lecture VI. The Hero as King. Cromwell, Napoleon: Modern Revolutionism. -- Appendix: 1858 Summary and Index --Notes -- Works Cited -- Textual Apparatus -- Index Sommario/riassunto In his 1840 lectures on heroes, Thomas Carlyle, Victorian essayist and social critic, championed the importance of the individual in history. Published the following year and eventually translated into fifteen languages, this imaginative work of history, comparative religion, and literature is the most influential statement of a man who came to be

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