

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910816573003321
Autore	Snow Stephanie J
Titolo	Blessed days of anaesthesia [[electronic resource]] : how anaesthetics changed the world / / Stephanie J. Snow
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Oxford ; ; New York, : Oxford University Press, 2008
ISBN	1-383-00282-7 1-281-97564-8 9786611975647 0-19-153957-0
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (241 p.)
Disciplina	617.96
Soggetti	Anesthesia - History History - 19th century History, Modern - 20th 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 (p. 195-213) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Contents; List of Illustrations; Preface; 1 Introduction; 2 Discoveries; 3 Anaesthesia in Action; 4 Women, Sex, and Suffering; 5 On Battlefields; 6 The Dark Side of Chloroform; 7 Changed Understandings of Pain; 8 Into the Twentieth Century and Beyond; Endnotes; Further Reading; Index; A; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; R; S; T; U; V; W; Y; Z
Sommario/riassunto	Among all the great discoveries and inventions of the nineteenth century, few offer us a more fascinating insight into Victorian society than the discovery of anaesthesia. Now considered to be one of the greatest inventions for humanity since the printing press, anaesthesia offered pain-free operations, childbirth with reduced suffering, and instant access to the world beyond consciousness. And yet, upon its introduction, Victorian medics, moralists, clergymen, and scientists, were plunged into turmoil. This vivid and engaging account of the early days of anaesthesia unravels some key moments in