Record Nr. UNINA9910817107003321 Autore Withers Charles W. J. Titolo Placing the Enlightenment: thinking geographically about the age of reason / / Charles W.J. Withers Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, 2007 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-281-96685-1 9786611966850 0-226-90407-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (358 p.) Disciplina 910.9/033 Soggetti Enlightenment Philosophy, Modern - 18th century Geography Space 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. [273]-314) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: the Enlightenment--questions of geography --Geographies of the Enlightenment -- The Enlightenment in national context -- Above and beyond the nation: cosmopolitan networks --Doing Enlightenment: local sites and social spaces -- Geographical knowledge and the Enlightenment world -- Exploring, traveling, mapping -- Encountering the physical world -- Geographies of human difference -- Geography in the Enlightenment -- Geography and the book -- Geography in practice -- Spaces and forms of geographical sociability -- Conclusion: the Enlightenmen--questions of geography. Sommario/riassunto The Enlightenment was the age in which the world became modern, challenging tradition in favor of reason, freedom, and critical inquiry. While many aspects of the Enlightenment have been rigorously scrutinized-its origins and motivations, its principal characters and defining features, its legacy and modern relevance-the geographical dimensions of the era have until now largely been ignored. Placing the Enlightenment contends that the Age of Reason was not only a period of pioneering geographical investigation but also an age with spatial

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