

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910819344503321
Autore	King Edmund
Titolo	King Stephen [[electronic resource] /] / Edmund King
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New Haven, : Yale University Press, c2010
ISBN	0-300-17010-6
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (384 p.)
Collana	Yale English monarchs
Disciplina	942.02/4092 B
Soggetti	BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Royalty Great Britain History Stephen, 1135-1154 Great Britain Kings and rulers Biography
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. 340-356) and indexes.
Nota di contenuto	Family and honour -- The accession -- Mixed fortunes -- War and peace -- 1141 -- Provincial government -- A variety of coin -- The family -- Blessed are the peacemakers -- Appraisal.
Sommario/riassunto	This compelling new biography provides the most authoritative picture yet of King Stephen, whose reign (1135-1154), with its "nineteen long winters" of civil war, made his name synonymous with failed leadership. After years of work on the sources, Edmund King shows with rare clarity the strengths and weaknesses of the monarch. Keeping Stephen at the forefront of his account, the author also chronicles the activities of key family members and associates whose loyal support sustained Stephen's kingship. In 1135 the popular Stephen was elected king against the claims of the empress Matilda and her sons. But by 1153, Stephen had lost control over Normandy and other important regions, England had lost prestige, and the weakened king was forced to cede his family's right to succession. A rich narrative covering the drama of a tumultuous reign, this book focuses well-deserved attention on a king who lost control of his destiny.