Record Nr. UNINA9910820376303321 **Titolo** Mothers of invention: women, Italian fascism, and culture // Robin Pickering-lazzi, editor Pubbl/distr/stampa Minneapolis, : University of Minnesota Press, c1995 **ISBN** 0-8166-8669-6 Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (304 p.) Descrizione fisica Pickering-lazziRobin Altri autori (Persone) Disciplina 305.4/0945 Soggetti Women in popular culture - Italy Women - Political activity - Italy Women in literature Fascism - Italy 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 Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction: Inventions of Women's Making, in History and Critical Thought; 1 Feminism and Socialism in Anna Kuliscioff's Writings; 2 Gender Struggle and the Social Manipulation and Ideological Use of Gender Identity in the Interwar Years; 3 Women, Futurism, and Fascism; 4 Fascist Theories of ""Woman"" and the Construction of Gender: 5 Fascist Women and the Rhetoric of Virility; 6 The Power of Style: Fashion and Self-Fashioning in Irene Brin's Journalistic Writing: 7 Sibilla Aleramo: Writing a Personal Mvth 8 Antonietta Raphael: Artist, Woman, Foreigner, Jew, Wife, Mother, Muse, and Anti-Fascist 9 Alba De Cespedes's There's No Turning Back: Challenging the New Woman's Future; 10 Reading, Writing, and Rebellion: Collectivity, Specularity, and Sexuality in the Italian Schoolgirl Comedy, 1934-43; Appendix: Chronology of Italian Fascism and Women in History and Criticism: Selected Bibliography: Contributors: Index Sommario/riassunto This volume is the first thorough investigation of culture produced by Italian women under Fascism (1922-1943). In literature, painting, sculpture, film, and fashion, the contributors explore the politics of

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