Record Nr. UNINA9910821281403321 Autore Reed Terry <1937-> **Titolo** Of herds and hermits [[electronic resource]]: America's lone wolves and submissive sheep, or, The American intellectual as loner and outcast / / Terry Reed New York, : Algora Pub., 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-87586-686-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (224 p.) Disciplina 302.5/40973 Soggetti Individualism - United States Social role - United States Group identity - United States Interpersonal relations - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Chapter 1. The Bike and the Bench; Chapter 2. Going My Way; Chapter 3. What Price Affiliation?; Chapter 4. Yours Fraternally: Bringing in the Sheep; Chapter 5. The Intellectual as Loner; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto Celebrated for its commitment to independence and fearless individualism, America in fact dismisses independent thinkers and nonconformists in favor of the team player, the company man, and the go-along-to-get-along mentality. This anti-intellectual mindset despises and discredits those who are solitary and reclusive. While we look up to literary loners like Poe and Melville and Dickinson, the man in the street is a compulsive joiner of clubs, and herds from university

frats to the Order of the Pink Goat. To the contrary, this book is a paean vigorously endorsing America's lone wolves, cultura