Record Nr. UNINA9910821775403321 Autore Cavell Janice **Titolo** Acts of occupation: Canada and Arctic sovereignty, 1918-25 / / Janice Cavell and Jeff Noakes Pubbl/distr/stampa Vancouver:,: UBC Press,, [2010] ©2010 **ISBN** 1-280-77782-6 9786613688217 0-7748-1869-7 Descrizione fisica 1 electronic text (ix, 333 p.): ill., maps, ports., digital file Altri autori (Persone) NoakesJeffrey David <1970-> 917.1904/2 Disciplina Soggetti Jurisdiction, Territorial - Canada Canada, Northern Discovery and exploration Canada, Northern Politics and government Canada Boundaries Arctic regions Arctic regions Discovery and exploration Canada Foreign relations 1914-1945 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: a policy of secrecy -- Taking hold of the North -- The Danish threat -- An expedition to Ellesmere Land -- A citizen of the British Empire -- Rasmussen in London -- Wrangel Island --Stefansson in London -- The sector claim -- Conclusion: Canada of itself -- Appendix. Scientists and explorers ordinance. Sommario/riassunto As climate change threatens to open the Northwest Passage to ice-free travel, Canadian sovereignty over the Arctic has come to the fore. Although Canada's claim to the Arctic archipelago is now firmly entrenched in the minds of Canadians, less than a century ago, that claim was much less secure. Acts of Occupation draws on a wealth of previously untapped archival sources to piece together the engrossing story of how one explorer's self-serving ambition ultimately led Canada to craft and defend a decisive Arctic policy. Historians Cavell and Noakes show how unfounded paranoia about Danish designs on the

north, fueled by a deliberate campaign of deceit and fear-mongering,

was the catalyst for Canada's active administrative occupation of the Arctic. A compelling tale, Acts of Occupation throws new light on a transformative period in the history of Canadian Arctic policy and provides much-needed historical context for contemporary debates on northern sovereignty.