Record Nr. UNINA9910822561603321 Autore Jobson Richard Titolo Nostalgia and the post-war Labour Party: prisoners of the past // Richard Jobson Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester, UK:,: Manchester University Press,, 2018 ©2018 **ISBN** 1-5261-3603-1 1-5261-1332-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 217 pages) : digital file(s) Collana Manchester University Press Disciplina 324.24107 Soggetti **Politics Political Parties** POLITICAL SCIENCE / Comparative Politics Political parties Electronic books. Great Britain Politics and government 1945-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Previously issued in print: 2018. Includes bibliographical references (pages 194-208) and index. Nota di bibliografia 1. Introduction - Labour, nostalgia and 'nostalgia-identity' -- 2. Nota di contenuto Revisionism and the battle over clause IV - 1951-63 -- 3. White heat and the Labour party 1963-70 -- 4. Labour's alternative economic strategy 1970-83 -- 5. Reinventing the Labour party 1983-92 -- 6. The New Labour era 1992-2010 -- 7. Back to the past? 2010 to the present -- 8. Conclusion Sommario/riassunto This book examines the impact that nostalgia has had on the Labour Party's political development since 1951. It argues that nostalgia has defined Labour's identity and determined the party's trajectory. Nostalgia has hindered policy discussion, determined the form and parameters of party modernisation, shaped internal conflict and cohesion and made it difficult for the party to adjust to socioeconomic changes. It has frequently left the party out of touch with the modern world. In this way, this study offers an assessment of Labour's failures to adapt to the changing nature of post-war Britain and will be of

interest to both students and academics and to those with a more

general interest in Labour's history and politics.