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Autore	Sullivan Neil J. <1948->
Titolo	The Prometheus bomb : the Manhattan Project and government in the dark / / Neil J. Sullivan
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ISBN	1-61234-892-0 1-61234-890-4
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (293 pages) : illustrations
Disciplina	355.8/25119097309044
Soggetti	Atomic bomb - United States - History Atomic bomb - Government policy - United States - History Science and state - United States Electronic books. United States Military policy
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Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Sommario/riassunto	"During World War II, the lives of millions of Americans lay precariously in the hands of a few brilliant scientists who raced to develop the first weapon of mass destruction. Elected officials gave the scientists free rein in the Manhattan Project without understanding the complexities and dangers involved in splitting the atom. The Manhattan Project was the first example of a new type of choice for congressmen, presidents, and other government officials: life and death on a national scale. From that moment, our government began fashioning public policy for issues of scientific development, discoveries, and inventions that could secure or threaten our existence and our future. But those same men and women had no training in such fields, did not understand the ramifications of the research, and relied on incomplete information to form potentially life-changing decisions. Through the story of the Manhattan Project, Neil J. Sullivan asks by what criteria the people in charge at the time made such critical decisions. He also ponders how

similar judgments are reached today with similar incomprehension from those at the top as our society dives down the potential rabbit hole of bioengineering, nanotechnology, and scientific developments yet to come"--

2. Record Nr.	UNINA9910780993703321
Autore	Smith Steven B. <1951->
Titolo	Reading Leo Strauss [[electronic resource]] : politics, philosophy, Judaism / / Steven B. Smith
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Chicago, : University of Chicago Press, c2006
ISBN	1-282-53786-5 9786612537868 0-226-76390-0
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (269 p.)
Disciplina	320.01
Soggetti	Political science - Philosophy Philosophy, Modern - 20th century Jewish philosophy
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
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Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. 203-237) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Introduction: why Strauss, why now? -- Jerusalem -- How Jewish was Leo Strauss? -- Gershom Scholem and Leo Strauss : notes toward a German-Jewish dialogue -- Strauss's Spinoza -- Athens -- Leo Strauss's platonic liberalism -- Destruktion or recovery? on Strauss's critique of Heidegger -- Tyranny ancient and modern -- Strauss's America -- WWLSD; or, what would Leo Strauss do?
Sommario/riassunto	Interest in Leo Strauss is greater now than at any time since his death, mostly because of the purported link between his thought and the political movement known as neoconservatism. Steven B. Smith, though, surprisingly depicts Strauss not as the high priest of neoconservatism but as a friend of liberal democracy-perhaps the best defender democracy has ever had. Moreover, in Reading Leo Strauss, Smith shows that Strauss's defense of liberal democracy was closely

connected to his skepticism of both the extreme Left and extreme Right. Smith asserts that this philosophical skepticism defined Strauss's thought. It was as a skeptic, Smith argues, that Strauss considered the seemingly irreconcilable conflict between reason and revelation-a conflict Strauss dubbed the "theologico-political problem." Calling this problem "the theme of my investigations," Strauss asked the same fundamental question throughout his life: what is the relation of the political order to revelation in general and Judaism in particular? Smith organizes his book with this question, first addressing Strauss's views on religion and then examining his thought on philosophical and political issues. In his investigation of these philosophical and political issues, Smith assesses Strauss's attempt to direct the teaching of political science away from the examination of mass behavior and interest group politics and toward the study of the philosophical principles on which politics are based. With his provocative, lucid essays, Smith goes a long way toward establishing a distinctive form of Straussian liberalism.

3. Record Nr.	UNINA9910824811303321
Autore	Rousseau Jean-Jacques
Titolo	A discourse on inequality / / Jean-Jacques Rousseau
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ISBN	1-5040-3547-X
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