Record Nr. UNINA9910825455403321 Autore Burt Andrew <1985-> **Titolo** American hysteria: the untold story of mass political extremism in the United States / / Andrew Burt Guilford, Connecticut:,: Lyons Press,, 2015 Pubbl/distr/stampa [Place of distribution not identified]:,: National Book Network,, [date of distribution not identified] ©2015 **ISBN** 1-4930-5002-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (241 p.) 320.0973 Disciplina Soggetti Hysteria - Political aspects - United States - History Fear - Political aspects - United States - History Collective behavior - Political aspects - United States - History Radicalism - United States - History Political culture - United States - History Secret societies - Political aspects - United States - History United States Politics and government Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes index. Note generali Nota di contenuto Contents; CHAPTER 1: Defining Hysteria; CHAPTER 2: America's First Time: CHAPTER 3: The Anti-Masons: CHAPTER 4: The Red Scare: CHAPTER 5: The Dawning of McCarthyism; CHAPTER 6: The United States after 9/11; CHAPTER 7: The Way Forward; Acknowledgments; Notes; Index; About the Author Sommario/riassunto This debut book from Andrew Burt details the pivotal moments in American political history when outliers moved to the center, capturing the national spotlight and turning fringe politics mainstream. American Hysteria puts readers at the center of the nation's most prominent periods of political extremism, from the Anti-Illuminati movement of the 1790's to McCarthyism in the 1950's to the Anti-Sharia movement of today. Both a deep dive into American history and a riveting narrative account, this is book is as much history lesson as it is drama.

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