Record Nr. UNINA9910825528703321 Autore Jenkins Tiffany **Titolo** Contesting human remains in museum collections: the crisis of cultural authority / / Tiffany Jenkins New York:,: Routledge,, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-136-89785-2 1-136-89786-0 1-283-03745-9 9786613037459 0-203-84131-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (185 p.) Collana Routledge studies in museum studies ; ; 1 Disciplina 344/.093 Soggetti Human remains (Archaeology) Human remains (Archaeology) - Repatriation Museums - Collection management - Political aspects Museums - Collection management - Moral and ethical aspects Indigenous peoples - Antiquities - Collection and preservation Cultural property - Political aspects Cultural property - Moral and ethical aspects Cultural property - Repatriation Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "Simultaneously published in the UK"--T.p. verso. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Transforming concerns about human remains into an issue --Scientists contest repatriation -- The crisis of cultural authority -- The rise and impact of pagan claims-makers -- Explaining why human remains are the problem -- Covering up the mummies -- Concluding thoughts. Sommario/riassunto Since the late 1970s human remains in museum collections have been subject to claims and controversies, such as demands for repatriation by indigenous groups who suffered under colonization. These requests have been strongly contested by scientists who research the material and consider it unique evidence. This book charts the influences at play

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