Record Nr. UNINA9910827477303321 Autore Cottom Daniel Titolo International bohemia: scenes of nineteenth-century life / / Daniel Cottom Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia, : University of Pennsylvania Press, c2013 0-8122-0807-2 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (366 p.) Collana Haney Foundation Series Haney Foundation series Disciplina 809/.933552 Soggetti Alternative lifestyles - History - 19th century Alternative lifestyles - History - 20th century Bohemianism in literature Bohemianism - History - 19th century Bohemianism - History - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Chapter 1. Bohemian Poseur Jew -- Chapter 2. Maggie, Not a Girl of the Streets -- Chapter 3. The Indignity of Labor -- Chapter 4. Unknowing Privat -- Chapter 5. America, the Birthplace of Bohemia -- Chapter 6. The Poverty of Nations -- Chapter 7. Sherlock Holmes Meets Dracula -- Conclusion --Notes -- Index -- Acknowledgments Sommario/riassunto How did this vagabond word, bohemia, migrate across national borderlines over the course of the nineteenth century, and what happened to it as it traveled? In International Bohemia, Daniel Cottom studies how various individuals and groups appropriated this word to serve the identities, passions, cultural forms, politics, and histories they sought to animate. Beginning with the invention of bohemianism's modern sense in Paris during the 1830's and 1840's, Cottom traces the twists and turns of this phenomenon through the rest of the nineteenth century and into the early years of the twentieth century in the United

States, England, Italy, Spain, and Germany. Even when they traveled under the banner of l'art pour l'art, the bohemians of this era generally saw little reason to observe borderlines between their lives and their

art. On the contrary, they were eager to mix up the one with the other, despite the fact that their critics often reproached them on this account by claiming that bohemians were all talk-do-nothings frittering away their lives in cafés and taverns. Cottom's study of bohemianism draws from the biographies of notable and influential figures of the time, including Thomas Chatterton, George Sand, George Eliot, Henry Murger, Alexandre Privat d'Anglemont, Walt Whitman, Ada Clare, Iginio Ugo Tarchetti, and Arthur Conan Doyle. Through a wide range of novels, memoirs, essays, plays, poems, letters, and articles, International Bohemia explores the many manifestations of this transnational counterculture, addressing topics such as anti-Semitism, the intersections of race and class, the representation of women, the politics of art and masquerade, the nature of community, and the value of nostalgia.