Record Nr. UNINA9910828025203321 Autore O'Brien Jean M **Titolo** Firsting and lasting [[electronic resource]]: writing Indians out of existence in New England / / Jean M. O'Brien Minneapolis, Minn.;; London,: University of Minnesota Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4529-4667-1 0-8166-7367-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (297 p.) Collana Indigenous Americas Disciplina 974.03 Indians of North America - New England - History - 19th century Soggetti Indians of North America - New England - Historiography New England History 19th century New England Historiography New England Race relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction: Indians can never be modern -- Firsting: local texts claim Indian places as their own -- Replacing: historical practices argue that non-Indians have supplanted Indians -- Lasting: texts purify the landscape of Indians by denving them a place in modernity -- Resisting: claims in texts about Indian extinction fail even as they are being made -- Conclusion : the continuing struggle over recognition. Sommario/riassunto Across nineteenth-century New England, antiquarians and community leaders wrote hundreds of local histories about the founding and growth of their cities and towns. Ranging from pamphlets to multivolume treatments, these narratives shared a preoccupation with establishing the region as the cradle of an Anglo-Saxon nation and the center of a modern American culture. They also insisted, often in mournful tones, that New England's original inhabitants, the Indians, had become extinct, even though many Indians still lived in the very

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