Record Nr. UNINA9910828173903321 Autore McKenzie Kirsten <1970-> Titolo A swindler's progress [[electronic resource]]: nobles and convicts in the age of liberty / / Kirsten McKenzie Sydney,: UNSW Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-74223-113-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (352 p.) Disciplina 364.16/3 364.163 Soggetti Impostors and imposture Social status Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Originally published: Sydney, N.S.W.: University of New South Wales Note generali Press, 2009. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Contents; Prologue: His Lordship on trial; Part one: Arcadia; Et in Arcadia ego: The price of the county: Part two: Rum and disgrace: Harewood at bay; The lost heir; Part Three: Antipodes; A wild and distant shore; His Lordship's tour de force; Epilogue: The play is played out; Reflections on A Swindler's Progress; Notes; References; Index In May 1835 in a Sydney courtroom, a slight, prematurely balding man Sommario/riassunto was charged with forgery. The prisoner claimed he was Edward, Viscount Lascelles, eldest son of the Earl of Harewood. The Crown alleged he was a confidence trickster and serial impostor. Was this the real Edward Lascelles, heir to one of Britain's most spectacular fortunes? How had he come to vanish? What does his tale tell us about status and class, property and wealth, and nobles and convicts in the

first part of the nineteenth century? Part mystery story, part narrative

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