Record Nr. UNINA9910960231503321 Autore Kastor Peter J Titolo William Clark's world : describing America in an age of unknowns / / Peter J. Kastor New Haven [Conn.], : Yale University Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786613096197 9781283096195 1283096196 9780300168556 0300168551 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (355 p.) Collana The Lamar series in western history Disciplina 978/.02 Description (Rhetoric) - History - 19th century Soggetti West (U.S.) Description and travel Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 307-333) and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- A Note on Terms -- Introduction --Prologue -- 1. A Western Future -- 2. Three Treaties. One Nation -- 3. Expansion -- 4. Explorers -- 5. Careers -- Books -- 7. Return to the West -- 8. Moving The Far West -- Conclusion: A Western History --Notes -- Bibliography -- Acknowledgments -- Index Sommario/riassunto William Clark, co-captain of the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition, devoted his adult life to describing the American West. But this task raised a daunting challenge: how best to bring an unknown continent to life for the young republic? Through Clark's life and career, this book explores how the West entered the American imagination. While he never called himself a writer or an artist, Clark nonetheless drew maps, produced books, drafted reports, surveyed landscapes, and wrote journals that made sense of the West for a new nation fascinated by the

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region's potential but also fearful of its dangers. William Clark's World presents a new take on the manifest destiny narrative and on the way the West took shape in the national imagination in the early nineteenth