

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910969295103321
Autore	McGarry Molly
Titolo	Ghosts of futures past : spiritualism and the cultural politics of nineteenth-century America / / Molly McGarry
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Berkeley, : University of California Press, 2008
ISBN	9786612359309 9781282359307 1282359304 9780520934061 0520934067
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (285 p.)
Disciplina	133.90973/09034
Soggetti	Spiritualism - United States - History - 19th century Religion and culture - United States - History - 19th century United States Religion 19th century
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	"Simpson, imprint in humanities"--P. facing t.p.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Mourning, media, and the cultural politics of conjuring the dead -- Indian guides : haunted subjects and the politics of vanishing -- Spectral sexualities : free love, moral panic, and the making of U.S. obscenity law -- Mediomania : the spirit of science in a culture of belief and doubt -- Secular subjects : a queer genealogy of untimely sexualities.
Sommario/riassunto	Ghosts of Futures Past guides readers through the uncanny world of nineteenth-century American spiritualism. More than an occult parlor game, this was a new religion, which channeled the voices of the dead, linked present with past, and conjured new worldly and otherworldly futures. Tracing the persistence of magic in an emergent culture of secularism, Molly McGarry brings a once marginalized practice to the center of American cultural history. Spiritualism provided an alchemical combination of science and magic that called into question the very categories of male and female, material and immaterial, self and other, living and dead. Dissolving the boundaries between them opened Spiritualist practitioners to other voices and, in turn, allowed them to

imagine new social worlds and forge diverse political affinities.

---