Record Nr. UNINA9910969941403321 Autore Tonnesson Stein Titolo Vietnam 1946: how the war began // Stein Tonnesson Berkeley,: University of California Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786612359873 9781282359871 1282359878 9780520944602 0520944607 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (389 p.) From Indochina to Vietnam: revolution and war in a global perspective Collana ;;3 Disciplina 959.704/11 Soggetti Indochinese War, 1946-1954 Indochinese War, 1946-1954 - Causes Vietnam History 1945-1975 France Relations Vietnam Vietnam Relations France China Relations Vietnam Vietnam Relations China Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "A Philip E. Lilienthal book in Asian studies"--Jacket flap. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Foreword By The Series Editors -- Foreword -- Acknowledgments -- Abbreviations --Introduction -- 1. A Clash Of Republics -- 2. The Chinese Trap -- 3. Modus Vivendi -- 4. Massacre -- 5. The French Trap -- 6. Who Turned Out The Lights? -- 7. If Only . . . -- Notes -- Glossary -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Based on multiarchival research conducted over almost three decades. this landmark account tells how a few men set off a war that would lead to tragedy for millions. Stein Tønnesson was one of the first historians to delve into scores of secret French, British, and American political, military, and intelligence documents. In this fascinating account of an

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