Record Nr. UNINA9910988091103321 Autore Porter Jason Titolo Diverse Slaveries: Slaving Strategies and Experiences of Slavery in Classical Athens Pubbl/distr/stampa Edinburgh: ,: Edinburgh University Press, , 2025 ©2025 **ISBN** 9781399526777 1399526774 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (343 pages) Edinburgh Studies in Ancient Slavery Series Collana Disciplina 306.36209385 Soggetti Slavery - Greece Slavery - Economic aspects Greece History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Intro -- Series Editors' Preface -- List of Tables -- Acknowledgements Nota di contenuto -- List of Abbreviations -- Introduction -- Part I: Divergent Slaving Strategies -- 1. The Motivations Behind Different Slaving Strategies --2. The Development of Diverse Slaving Strategies in Relation to the Work of Enslaved Persons -- 3. The Diversity of Slaving Strategies within Industries -- Part II: The Slaving Strategies of Athenian Households: Two Case Studies -- 4. Xenophon's Ideal Household: Direct Management and Increasing Wealth Through Slavery in the Oikonomikos -- 5. The Real Household of Demosthenes: Rentier Strategies and the Building of a Political Career -- Part III: Diverse Experiences of Slavery -- 6. Slaving Strategies and the Lives of Athens' Enslaved -- Conclusion -- Appendix: Athenian Wealth Distribution and the Feasibility of Widespread Slave Ownership -- Bibliography -- Index. "Classical Athenian slavery is often discussed as a single phenomenon Sommario/riassunto and Athens' enslaved as a unitary group. Yet the single legal status that the enslaved shared often obscures the very different characteristics of slavery evident in our evidence. This book provides a nuanced picture of Athenian slavery and its consequences from the perspective of

slaveholding strategies, evidencing the varying ways in which Athenian

slave owners employed their enslaved and the different methods of social control they utilised to do so. This approach, drawn from the work of historian Joseph Miller, eschews static definitions of 'the institution of slavery', in favour of a more dynamic progression of varied, though interrelated, phenomena. Applying this methodology to classical Athenian evidence sheds light on the complexity of the city state's slave system and explicates the wide variations in the lives of Athenian slaves. Jason Douglas Porter furthers academic understanding of the complex relationships between slavery, Athenian society and economy through recognising the diverse motivations and contexts that drove these varied forms of exploitation." -- Provided by publisher.