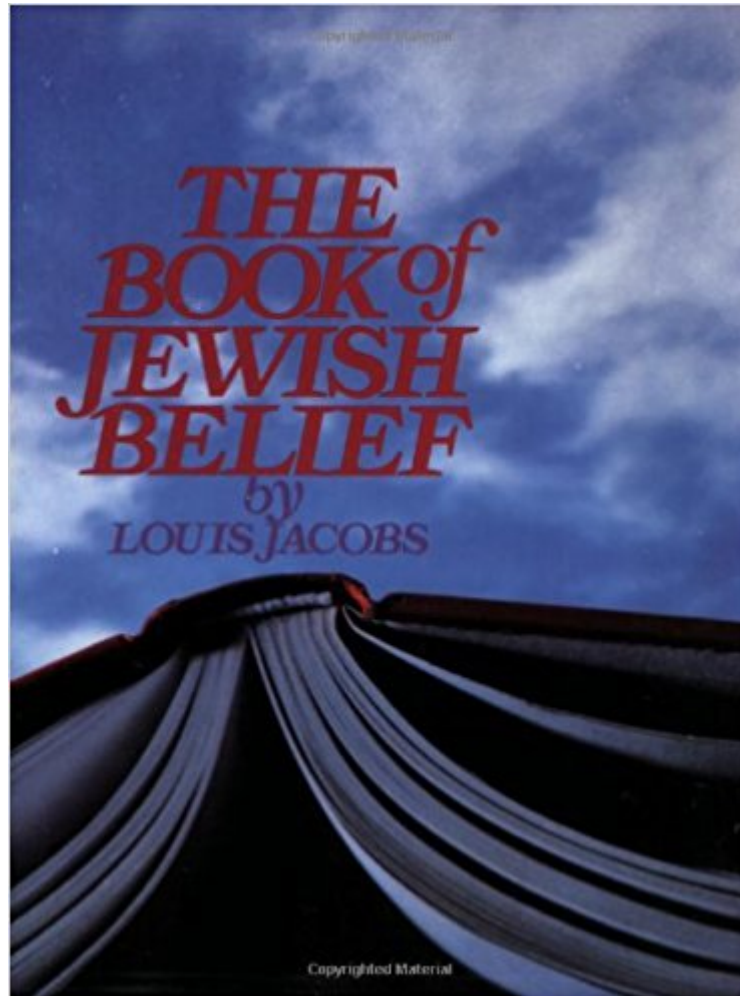




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Customer Reviews

Louis Jacobs is a distinguished Rabbi at the New London Synagogue. His teaching career spans both sides of the Atlantic, as visiting Professor at Lancaster University and at Harvard. He is one of the general editors of The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization.

This book is great for anybody looking to learn more about the Jewish faith. Each chapter is a specific subject and so one can skip over chapters if they aren't too interested and can come back to it later. This is great for those who know nothing about Judaism. You'll come out feeling you know a lot!

For all those who look ,for the first time,at the complexity of Jewish thought, this simple but deeply practical book takes you by the hand and leads you to understand what a mountain of educated and deep books do not allow . This text is recommended for anyone who wants to know without prejudice the thought that is at the basis of Western society.Filippo

The book is very informative. I am really learning a lot about jewish beliefs. I recommend this book

to anyone who wants to learn about Jewish beliefs.

Excellent, just what I needed

This is what the Rabbi has us using for the primary book in the Judaism class. It is simple and straight forward. An easy read

The book is an excellent resource and study guide for people of all faiths and religions. The quality and condition of the book I received is outstanding. It will serve me for years to come.

Louis Jacobs is also the author of *The Book of Jewish Practice*, *The Jewish Religion: A Companion*, *A Jewish Theology*, and many other books. Here are some quotations from the book: "The attitude of Judaism has been described as ethical monotheism... Judaism... insists that there can be no religion without ethics and no ethics without religion; or, better, that unless ethics and religion are wedded together, neither constitutes the Jewish way." (Pg. 18) "Eventually some of the converted Khazars did marry into the Jewish people, so that contemporary Jews may well have some Khazar blood in their veins." (Pg. 81) "The central theme in every version of the Kabbalah is that of emanation. Emanation means that God allows something of Himself to be sent out, to flow, from Himself, and eventually through this mysterious process the finite world is produced." (Pg. 91) "Judaism does not believe in self-denial, but it is right and proper that on this day (Yom Kippur) we should express our sorrow for having sinned, not only by confessing our sins but through a concrete act." (Pg. 110-111) "The opponents of Reform came to be called orthodox. Originally this was a term of reproach by the Reformers---as if to say, you refuse to move forward and you stand still in reaction---but the name was eventually adopted with a kind of pride by those against whom the taunt was directed." (Pg. 145) "One of the most important rules about marriage, as Judaism sees it, is not to marry out of the faith. This is a rule at times difficult to follow, and yet a rule which allows no compromise." (Pg. 212)

This book is a basic but comprehensive and unbiased introduction to various aspects of Jewish religion, culture, and history. It explains concepts in an approachable and interesting way, with useful textbook-like call-outs. There are several other books that I'd be more likely to recommend for someone looking for a good introduction to Judaism, but there's nothing wrong with this one. However, I have no idea what the person who chose the photographs was smoking. To start with,

they are rather dated, even more so than you'd expect for something that was written in 1984. And they also often have only a tenuous connection to the concept that page or paragraph is discussing. To give an example, Jews, evidently, await the coming of the Messiah in small round boxes! ;-)

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