



Jewish stories

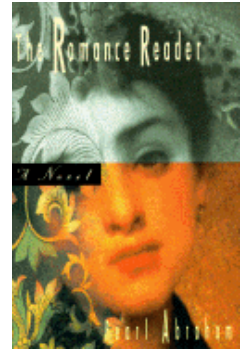
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The romance reader

Pearl Abraham

F A1593r

Wishing she could enjoy the freedoms and pleasures so casually enjoyed by ordinary women, orthodox rabbi's daughter Rachel anticipates her arranged marriage and imagines what her life will be like.



Unto the soul

Aharon Appelfeld; translated from the Hebrew by Jeffrey M. Green

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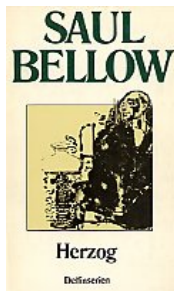
Set in Eastern Europe before World War I, this novel follows the lives of a brother and sister caring for a cemetery for Jewish martyrs. They find that their remote location offers protection from pogroms and plague, yet keeps them isolated from their people as they struggle with growing feelings of lust for one another.

The man who was late

Louis Begley

F B4171m

A Jew from Central Europe stumbles into an intense affair with a woman. His business sends him around the world, but he is nevertheless haunted by his troubled past.



Herzog

Saul Bellow

F B448he

Suffering, persecuted, intellectual, Moses E. Herzog passively accepts the disasters of his private and public affairs in an effort to survive modern civilization.

Dancing bear

Chaim Bermant

F B516da

Bermant's seventeenth novel chronicles the life of Harry Newman, from his childhood after World War II and his brilliant career at Oxford, to his success as a London banker and his struggles with doubts about his family origins.

Growing up rich

Anne Bernays

F B524g

Young Sarah Agard Stern and her stepbrother make a traumatic transition from Upper East-Side luxury to Brookline, Massachusetts and the household of Sam and Judy London.

An impossible life: a bobeh myseh: a novel

David Black

F B6273i

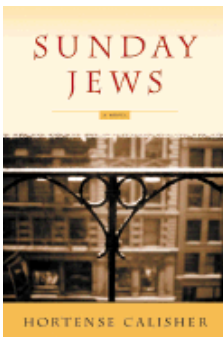
When his mother enters a mental hospital after setting fire to her apartment, Leo Polishook, a television producer and scriptwriter, explores his Jewish roots to understand what happened. Along the way, he encounters angels, evil spirits, holy men, a talking crow, and even God Himself, who rebuked Leo's bootlegger grandfather over brandies.

The beggar's cup

Eric Blau

F B6452

Hollywood mogul and Holocaust survivor Morris Cohen becomes obsessed with making a film about Theodor Herzl. Cohen's research leads him into a world of heroism, love, struggle and purpose.



Sunday Jews

Hortense Calisher

F C154su

This novel chronicles the lives of one Jewish American family, and their struggles over issues of national and religious identity. Members of the family include Charles, who aspires to be a Supreme Court Justice, and Bert, who becomes a rabbi despite his ambivalence toward Jewish institutions.

Carry me across the water: a novel

Ethan Canin

F C223c 2001

The author's latest novel follows the lives and fortunes of August Kleinman, a man who shapes his destiny in the fires of World War II and its aftermath.

Jerusalem, snapshots from a distance: stories

Esther A. Dagan

F D1251j GPB

This slim volume consists of eight short stories, each a portrait of lives at different times in and around Jerusalem. Each story is discrete, but the themes of peace and hope run throughout the book.

Dance with the devil

Kirk Douglas

F D7341d

Middle-aged Hollywood director Danny Dennison finds his successful, respectable life unraveling when he meets Luba, a sensuous call girl, whose captivating sexuality threatens to expose Danny's long-guarded secrets.

The empire of Kalman the cripple

Yehuda Elberg; translated from the Yiddish by the author

F E37e

Kalman, a Jew living in Poland just before World War II, is a cunning, ill-tempered man who maliciously seeks revenge on others. Ultimately, he succeeds in eking out a better world for those he loves.

Glorious morning

Julie Ellis

F E4722

A young woman flees from turn-of-the-century Poland, and pursues a brilliant stage career in the United States after an unsuccessful love affair in London.

For the relief of unbearable urges

Nathan Englander

F E582f 1999

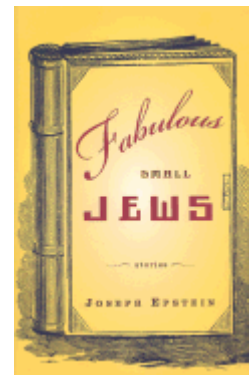
Rooted in Jewish history and the customs of Orthodox life, an anthology of ten stories includes "The Twenty-Seventh Man" about an unpublished writer who mistakenly lands in a Stalinist prison, and "The Gilgul of Park Avenue" about a Protestant who wakes up to discover he has become a Jew.

Fabulous small Jews

Joseph Epstein

F E643f

This collection of 18 stories features a host of characters at turning points in their lives. All of the stories consider such themes as identity, family love and repressed impulses.



The family orchard: a novel

Nomi Eve

F E932f 2000

Eve's debut novel chronicles 200 years (and six generations) of love affairs, legends, family secrets, triumphs and tragedies in the lives of a family of immigrants in Jerusalem.

Proofs of affection

Rosemary Friedman

F F9115p

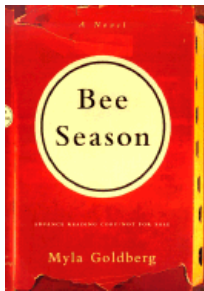
This novel follows a North London Jewish couple, the Sheltons, and their adult children during one tumultuous year in their lives; the sequel to this book is entitled *Rose of Jericho*.

Jews without money

Michael Gold; with a special introduction by Alfred Kazin: woodcuts by Howard Simon

F G6182j 1996 GPB

A Jew recalls his impoverished childhood, growing up on the East Side of New York among thieves, prostitutes, pimps, and toughs. The original edition of this classic novel was published in 1930.



Bee season: a novel

Myla Goldberg

F G6184b 2000

An ordinary girl with an exceptional gift for spelling, young Eliza Naumann embarks on the rough-and-tumble "spelling bee" circuit, where her quirky family will collide with the harsh realities of life.

That year of our war

Gloria Goldreich

F G621t

In 1944, teenaged Sarah starts her life anew as she copes with her mother's death, her father's army duty in Europe, and her first love.

Mazel

Rebecca Goldstein

F G6245ma

A Jewish actress in Warsaw begins anew in America, where her legacy of vitality and independence--and her penchant for story-telling--endures in her daughter, a sixties intellectual, and granddaughter, a mathematician.

Paradise park: a novel

Allegra Goodman

F G6532p 2001

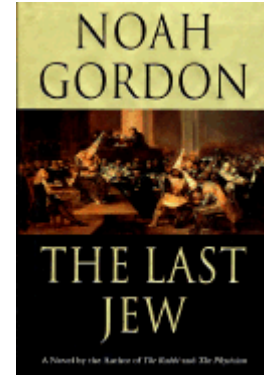
After being abandoned by her boyfriend in Honolulu, the indomitable, irrepressible Sharon Spiegelman embarks on a spiritual quest in search of enlightenment. Her journey takes her from the Greater Love Salvation Church and the Consciousness Meditation Center back to Judaism and, eventually, true love.

The last Jew

Noah Gordon

F G664L 2000

The Great Expulsion of 1492 provides the backdrop for this terrifying novel about the Holocaust. It follows a 13-year-old Spanish Jew named Jonah as he tries to avoid the Inquisition.



The name

Michal Govrin; translated from the Hebrew by Barbara

Harshav

F G7216n 1998

Amelia, the troubled daughter of a concert pianist killed during the Holocaust, seeks refuge in an ultra-Orthodox seminary where she falls under the erotic and spiritual spell of a charismatic Kabbalistic rabbi.

A mother's secret: a novel

Carolyn Haddad

F H126m

Jewish partisan Eliza Wolf leaves her infant daughter with a Polish peasant when she flees the Nazis. Their separation continues after the war when her daughter and her guardians move to America, while Eliza settles dejectedly in Israel.

Table for five: a novel

Sean Hardie

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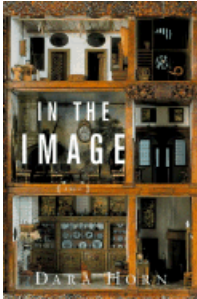
Free-lance producer Charlie Kavanaugh follows the beautiful and ambitious Julia Cornwall to Israel. He intends to produce her interview with the Israeli foreign minister, but soon discovers that the minister is facing an assassination threat.

Swimming across the Hudson

Joshua Henkin

H513s

Living in San Francisco with his girlfriend and her daughter, Ben Suskind finds his life thrown into upheaval when he receives a letter from a woman claiming to be his birth mother and embarks on a painful, secret quest to find out the truth about his past.



In the image: a novel

Dara Horn

F H8135i

Leora proceeds to college and a career after the death of her close friend, while her lost friend's grandfather, Bill, reminisces about his experiences in Amsterdam and Austria.

From a sealed room

Rachel Kadish

F K116f 1998

The life stories of three very different women--Tami, Maya, and Shifra--trapped within the sealed walls of war, bound both by horrific memories of the past and a sense of a perilous present.

Rabbi, Rabbi

Andrew Kane

F K166r

Kane's moving love story explores the richness of modern Judaism. Yakov and Rebecca meet when they are both studying to be rabbis, but their lives follow different paths when Yakov immerses himself in the Orthodox faith.

Friday the rabbi slept late

Harry Kemelman

M K31

A young, independent rabbi is the prime suspect in a murder case when a dead girl is found in his car. The first in Kemelman's series of books about Rabbi David Small.

Seven blessings

Ruchama King

F K543s

Relocating to Jerusalem's Orthodox community, five Jewish singles come to terms with the way in which the study of Torah affects an individual's feelings about romantic intimacy and marriage.



An almost perfect moment

Binnie Kirshenbaum

F K611a

A dark and sharply comic novel set in the 1970's, on the cusp of the great age of Disco. A pretty 15-year-old Jewish girl in Brooklyn experiences life amidst a colourful world of star-crossed lovers, a sagacious mother, and doctrines of the divine.

The Inn at Lake Devine: a novel

Elinor Lipman

F L764in

When Natalie Marx's mother receives a notice about a Vermont inn that caters especially to non-Jewish guests, Natalie becomes obsessed with the once-restricted, family-owned resort, and wangles an invitation to join a friend on a vacation there.

Circling Eden: a novel of Israel in stories

Carol Magun

F M213c

Rebecca Harrison, a college student in the 1970s, finds herself searching for her Jewish heritage in Israel, where she discovers romance and adventure.

The complete stories

Bernard Malamud; edited and introduced by Robert Giroux

F M236c

Brings together all of the late author's short fiction from the past four decades -- 53 stories in all -- ranging from his early work in *The Magic Barrel* to his latest stories.



The one facing us: a novel

Ronit Matalon; translation by Marsha Weinstein

F M425o

A rebellious teenaged girl from Israel who is sent to live in Cameroon begins to piece together the history of her family, a once-grand Egyptian-Jewish clan, and its dispersal across the globe.

What Dinah thought

Deena Metzger

F M5962

Jewish-American filmmaker Dina courts danger when she falls for a Palestinian activist and reawakens Dinah, her biblical ancestress, who suffered a tragic fate for the crime of loving the wrong man.

Scattered seed

Maisie Mosco

F M896sc GPB

Sarah tries to keep her Jewish immigrant family together as they struggle to find success and happiness in England.

To know a woman

Amos Oz; translated from the Hebrew by Nicholas de Lange

F O994to

Yoel Ravid, a retired Israeli secret service agent who lives a simple life at home, questions his life and his relationships with women.

The Puttermesser papers

Cynthia Ozick

F O99p

A female Don Quixote transplanted to modern-day Manhattan, Ruth Puttermesser yearns for a life of the mind, only to find herself hopelessly mired in city bureaucracy when she is unexpectedly elected mayor of New York.

The collected stories

Grace Paley

F P158c

An introduction by Paley accompanies a comprehensive collection of her short fiction.

T'shuva: a novel

Carolyn Keiler Paul

F P3241t GPB

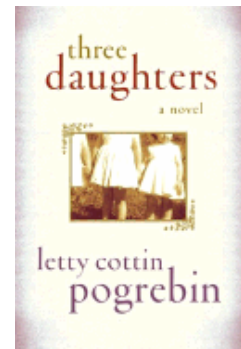
Paul's novel examines the complexity of family relationships and the decisions we make for our loved ones.

Three daughters

Letty Cottin Pogrebin

F P746t

Shoshanna struggles to overcome personal demons and repair family estrangements, while English professor Leah faces the pain of abandonment, and athlete Rachel watches her carefully-constructed world fall apart.



The gift of Asher Lev

Chaim Potok

F P864g

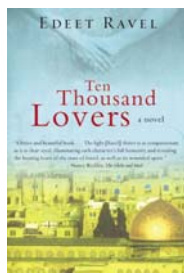
The death of a beloved uncle brings painter Asher Lev back to his native Brooklyn after an absence of two decades. He is quickly plunged into a conflict between the culture into which he was born and the life he has forged for himself.

The sacrifice of Tamar

Naomi Ragen

F R141sa

After being raped by an African-American man, Tamar Feingold, a recently married, Orthodox Jewish woman, hides her shame and raises the child of the attack as her husband's son. The past returns to haunt her after her son marries and fathers his own child.



Ten thousand lovers

Edeet Ravel

F R2525t

The first book in a projected trilogy, this novel explores the relationship between an Israeli woman, Lily, and the man she meets while hitch-hiking, Ami, who turns out to be an army interrogator.

Barney's version

Mordecai Richler; with footnotes and an afterword by Michael Panofsky

F R531ba

Sixty-seven-year-old Barney Panofsky, the three-time divorced owner of a successful, trashy TV company, Totally Useless Productions, looks back on his life. He reminisces about his young adulthood, his three wives, and his lifelong passion for wine, women and the Montreal Canadiens.

The pursuit of happiness: a novel

Anne Roiphe

F R741p

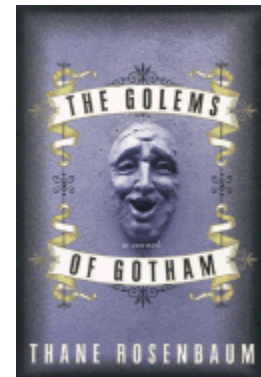
Five generations of the Gruenbaum family contend with a host of pressures as they immigrate to America, build an empire in the garment industry, and finally turn to Israel for identity.

The Golems of Gotham

Thane Rosenbaum

F R8132g

Rosenbaum's book follows Oliver Levin, a best-selling gothic mystery writer, and his teenage daughter Ariel. Ariel summons the spirits of his late parents, both Holocaust survivors and suicide victims, to help her father overcome writer's block.



A star shines over Mt. Morris Park

Henry Roth

F R8447m

The first in Roth's *Mercy of a rude stream* series follows Ira Stigman, an immigrant boy, who suffers a cruel Americanization process from 1914 through 1921. This novel deals with the themes of Prohibition, anti-Semitism, racism, and the violence of sexuality. Followed by *A diving rock on the Hudson*.

American pastoral

Philip Roth

F R845am

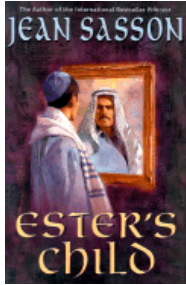
A former athletic star, devoted family man, and owner of a thriving glove factory, Seymour "Swede" Levov finds his life coming apart during the social disorder of the 1960s, when his beloved daughter turns into a revolutionary terrorist out to destroy her father's world. This novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1998.

The song and the truth

Helga Ruebsamen; translated from the Dutch by Paul Vincent

F R918s 2000

The child of a dedicated colonial doctor and a narcissistic would-be artist, Lulu leaves the tropical paradise of Java with her family to return to the Netherlands, only to be forced into hiding by the German invasion of 1939.



Ester's Child: a novel

Jean Sasson

F S2522e 2001

This novel is composed of interwoven stories about the Gale family, Jewish settlers living in Jerusalem: Demetrius Antoun, raised in the Shatila refugee camp in Beirut, and Christine Kleist, the daughter of a guilt-ridden former S.S. officer.

The loves of Judith

Meir Shalev; translated from the Hebrew by Barbara Harshav

F S5282L 1999

Zayde Rabinovitch relates the story of his mother, Judith, the three men who loved her, and the mystery surrounding his paternity.

The penitent

Isaac Bashevis Singer

F S617pe

Seeking an escape from his unfaithful wife, mistress, and his greedy daughter, prosperous Joseph Shapiro journeys from America to Israel, and finds salvation and meaning in the traditional Jewish way of life.

The wholeness of a broken heart

Katie Singer

F S6173w

Hanna Felber delves into four generations of her Jewish family's history to try to shed light on her formerly loving mother's abandonment of her as she reaches adulthood.

The English disease: a novel

Joseph Skibell

F S6285e

Feeling guilty after marrying a gentile and raising a non-Jewish child, Belski struggles with the judgments of others while trying to come to terms with his feelings, his identity, and the meaninglessness of modern life.

The illuminated soul

Aryeh Lev Stollman

F S875i

Fleeing Prague in the wake of the outbreak of World War II, scientist Eva Laquedem wanders the world aimlessly, drifting from place to place. She eventually arrives in Windsor, Canada, carrying the Augsburg Miscellany, a beautiful fifteenth-century illuminated Hebrew manuscript, and appears on the doorstep of a devout widow who lives with her two sons.

The rescue of memory: a novel

Cheryl Pearl Sucher

F S942r

Coming of age in 1960's New York, Rachel considers her life as the daughter of Holocaust survivors, who tell her the past is something she must never forget.



Vienna prelude

Bodie Thoene; research and development by Brock Thoene

F T449v PB

Elisa Lindheim and John Murphy, a New York Times reporter, become entangled in a web of intrigue, danger and conspiracy. The first book in the *Zion Covenant* series.

Life in the damn tropics: a novel

David Unger

F U57L

Unger's unusual debut novel chronicles the rise and fall of a Jewish family in the unstable political world of Guatemala in the 1980's.

The judges: a novel

Elie Wiesel

F W651j

When their plane en route from New York to Tel Aviv is forced down by bad weather, five passengers seek refuge at a nearby house, where they encounter an enigmatic host. Known only as the Judge, he begins to interrogate each visitor, forcing them to confront the reality and meaning of their lives before it is too late.

Martyrs' crossing: a novel

Amy Wilentz

F W6762m 2001

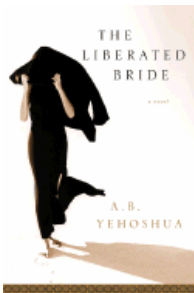
An Israeli lieutenant, Ari Doron, falls in love with the wife of jailed Palestinian militant in the midst of a wave of terrorism. Meanwhile, Ari fears that he may have set the terrorist acts into motion after he followed orders and refused to allow passage to a young mother and her ailing child.

Marjorie Morningstar

Herman Wouk

F W938m

A young Jewish girl experiences love, pain, and disappointment in the struggle to become an actress.



The liberated bride

A.B. Yehoshua; translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin

F Y43Li

As Yohanan Rivlin, a professor at Haifa University, embarks on research into recent Algerian history with the help of a student, a young Arab bride from a Galilee village, he becomes obsessed with his son's failed marriage.

Louisa

Simone Zelitch

F Z49L 2000

Nora, a sturdy Holocaust survivor, arrives in Palestine in 1949 and lands in an "absorption camp" where everyone is in training to become a good Israeli.

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