

Jewish Practice & Belief

Judaism For Dummies Falcon & Blatner
Jewish Literacy, Jewish Wisdom, Book of Jewish Values, etc. R. Joseph Telushkin
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Judaism, R. Benjamin Bleich
The Book of Jewish Belief, Louis Jacobs
Living Judaism, R. Wayne Dosick
To Life! R. Harold S. Kushner (+ others)
It's a Mitzvah Rabbi Brad Artson
Mourning and Mitzvah, R. Anne Brenner
To Be a Jew; To Pray as a Jew, R. Hayim Halevy Donin
It's a Mitzvah!: Step-By-Step to Jewish Living, R. Bradley Shavit Artson
The Sabbath, R. Abraham Joshua Heschel
Questions Jews Ask, R. Mordechai M. Kaplan

Holidays

The Jewish Holidays R. Michael Strassfeld
Seasons of Our Joy, Waskow/Berman

Holy Books, Siddurim and "Seforim"

Siddur, Machzor, Haggadah, Mishnah
A Different Night Noam Zion (Haggadah)

History

A History of the Jewish Experience, Leo Trepp
The Story of the Jews, Stan Mack (Comic book style, but very good)
War Against the Jews, Lucy Davidowicz
A History of the Jewish People, edited by H. H. Ben-Sasson

Conversion

Living a Jewish Life, Anita Diamant, HarperCollins, 2007
Choosing a Jewish Life, Anita Diamant (Schocken Books, 1998).
Conversion to Judaism: A Guidebook, Lawrence J. Epstein (Jason Aronson, 1997).
Your People, My People, Lena Romanoff
Choosing Judaism, Lydia Kukoff

Mysticism, Kabbalah, Feminist Spirituality

God is a Verb, R. David Cooper
Paradigm Shift and First Steps to a New Jewish Spirit; R. Zalman Schachter-Shalomi
Ehyeh, Rabbi Art Green
Honey from the Rock, Rabbi Larry Kushner (anything by him is great)
She Who Dwells Within Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb
Standing Again at Sinai, Judith Plaskow
Engendering Judaism, R. Rachel Adler
Torah Journeys, Rabbi Shefa Gold
The Path of Blessing, Rabbi Marcia Prager
Jewish Renewal, R. Michael Lerner
Tales of the Hasidim, Martin Buber
Zohar (Consult with Rabbi before you buy)

Philosophy

When Bad Things Happen to Good People, R. Harold Kushner
A Guide for the Perplexed, Maimonides

Hebrew

Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew, EKS Publishing (+ several other books & series)
(+other online programs to which you can subscribe)

Fiction, poetry, novels

The Chosen, Chaim Potok (+ *My Name is Asher Lev*, *Book of Lights*)
Exodus, Leon Uris
As a Driven Leaf, Milton Steinberg
Night, Gates of the Forest, others by Elie Weisel
Jephte's daughter, Naomi Ragen
The Rise of David Levinsky, Abraham Cahan
Badenheim 1939, Aaron Appelfeld
Goodbye Columbus, Philip Roth
God's Grace, Bernard Malamud
A Treasury of Yiddish Stories Irving Howe, Eliezer Greenberg;
Penguin Book of Hebrew Verse, edited T. Carmi
Poems of Jerusalem and Love Poems, Yehuda Amichai
The Dybbuk, Ansky
The Shawl, Cynthia Ozick
Favorite Tales of Shalom Aleichem, ed., Julius and Frances Butwin
Miriam's Tambourine: Jewish Folktales from Around the World, ed. Howard Schwartz
Diary of A Young Girl, Anne Frank (+ several plays and movies)
The Devil's Arithmetic, Jane Yolen (also a movie)
Maus Art Spiegelman. Holocaust story in comic book form.

Other

The Last Trial, Shalom Spiegel
Living Each Day, Abraham J. Twerski
This is my God, Herman Wouk
Sacred Fragments, Neil Gillman
My Life, by Golda Meir
Big Book of Jewish Humor, William Novak and Moshe Waldoks

Selected DVD's or movies online

The Jews: A People's History
Heritage: Civilization and the Jews
A Serious Man
Menashe
Denial; Resistance; Defiance; Schindler's List; Sophie's Choice; The Pianist; Life is Beautiful
The Little Traitor
Gentleman's Agreement
Operation Finale
Exodus, Cast a Giant Shadow
School Ties
I Love You, Rosa
Yentl
Walk on Water

