

RECOMMENDED READS: THE LATEST & GREATEST IN JEWISH FICTION FOR ADULTS

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New Books by Favorite Authors:

Saving Sophie by Ronald Balson (St. Martin's, 2015)

Karolina's Twins by Ronald Balson (St. Martin's, 9/2016)

See also: *Once We Were Brothers* (2013)

Don't Let My Baby Do Rodeo by Boris Fishman (HarperCollins, 2016)

See also: *A Replacement Life* (2014)

The Theory of Death (Rina Decker & Peter Lazarus #23) by Faye Kellerman (William Morrow, 2015)

Bone Box (Rina Decker & Peter Lazarus #24) by Faye Kellerman (William Morrow, 2/2017)

Moonglow by Michael Chabon (Harper, 11/2016)

See also: *Telegraph Avenue* (2012), *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* (2007), *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* (2000)

Here I Am by Joanthan Safran Foer (Farrar, 9/2016)

See also: *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* (2005), *Everything is Illuminated* (2002)

A Hero of France by Alan Furst (Random House, 2016)

See also: *Mission to Paris* (2012), *Spies of the Balkans* (2010), *The Spies of Warsaw* (2008)

An Undisturbed Peace by Mary Glickman (Open Road Media, 2016)

See also: *Marching to Zion* (2013), *One More River* (2011), *Home in the Morning* (2010)

Shylock Is My Name by Howard Jacobson (Hogarth, 2016)

J: A Novel (2014), *Zoo Time* (2012), *The Finkler Question* (2010), *Kalooki Nights* (2006)

The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff (Mira Books, 2/2017)

The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach by Pam Jenoff (Mira Books, 2015)

See also: *The Winter Guest* (2014), *The Ambassador's Daughter* (2013), *The Things We Cherished* (2011), *A Hidden Affair* (2010), *Almost Home* (2009), *The Diplomats Wife* (2008), *The Kommandant's Girl* (2007)

Nightfall Over Shanghai by Daniel Kalla (St. Martin's, 2016)

See also: *Rising Sun, Falling Shadow* (2013), *The Far Side of the Sky* (2012)

On Turpentine Lane by Elinor Lipman (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2/2017)

See also: *The Inn at Lake Devine* (1998)

Velvet Hours by Alyson Richman (Berkley, 9/2016)

See also: *The Garden of Letters* (2014), *The Rhythm of Memory* (2012), *The Lost Wife* (2011)

Black Widow (Gabriel Allon #16) by Daniel Silva (HarperCollins, 7/2016)

Leaving Lucy Pear by Anna Solomon (Viking, 7/2016)

See also: *The Little Bride* (2011)

Award Winners

2015 Edward Lewis Wallant Award

The Sunlit Night by Rebecca Dinerstein (Bloomsbury, 2015)

National Jewish Book Awards given by the Jewish Book Council

Outstanding Debut Fiction:

The Boatmaker by John Benditt (Tin House Books, 2015)

Outstanding Debut Fiction Finalists:

After Abel and Other Stories by Michal Lemberger (Prospect Park Books, 2015)

The Empire of the Senses by Alexis Landau (Pantheon, 2015)

Fiction Winner:

The Last Flight of Poxl West by Daniel Torday (St. Martin's Press, 2015)

Fiction Finalists:

The Ambassador by Yehuda Avner (The Toby Press, 2015)

The Book of Aron by Jim Shepard (Knopf, 2015)

A Reunion of Ghosts by Judith Claire Mitchell (Harper, 2015)

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Press, 2015)

Anthologies and Collections Finalist:

The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction edited by Victoria Aarons, Avinoam J. Patt, and Mark Shechner (Wayne State University Press, 2015)

2016 Sophie Brody Award

The Book of Aron by Jim Shepard (Knopf, 2015)

Honorable Mention: *After Abel and Other Stories* by Michal Lemberger (Prospect Park Books, 2015)

2015 Sami Rohr Prize

The Best Place on Earth: Stories by Ayelet Tsabari (Random House, 2016)

Biblical Fiction:

The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks (Viking, 2015)

See also: *The People of the Book* (2008)

Esther by Rebecca Kanner (Simon & Schuster, 2015)

See also: *Sinners and the Sea: The Untold Story of Noah's Wife* (2013)

Game of Queens by India Edghill (St. Martin's, 2015)

See also: *Delilah* (2009), *Wisdom's Daughter* (2004), *Queenmaker* (2001)

New from Israel:

A Remarkable Kindness by Diana Bletter (William Morrow, 2015)

City of Secrets by Stewart O'Nan (Viking, 2016)

The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem by Sarit Yishai-Levi (Thomas Dunne/Random House, 2016)

The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping by Aharon Appelfeld (Schocken, 1/2017)

See also: *Until the Dawn's Light* (2011), *Blooms of Darkness* (2010), *Laish* (2009), *All Whom I Have Loved* (2007)

Duet in Beirut by Mishka Ben-David (Overlook Press, 2015)

Alexandrian Summer by Yitzhak Gormezano Goren (New Vessel Press, 2015)

A Horse Walks into a Bar by David Grossman (Knopf, 2/2017)

See also: *Falling Out of Time* (2014), *To the End of the Land* (2010), *Her Body Knows* (2005), *Someone to Run With* (2004), *Be My Knife* (2001)

Lies, First Person by Gail Hareven (Open Letter, 2015)

See also: *The Confessions of Noa Weber* (2009)

The Photographer's Wife by Suzanne Joinson (Bloomsbury, 2016)

The Sound of Our Steps by Ronit Matalon (Metropolitan Books, 2015)

See also: *Bliss* (2003), *The One Facing Us* (1998)

Judas by Amos Oz (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 11/2016)

See also: *Between Friends* (2013), *Scenes from Village Life* (2011), *Rhyming Life & Death* (2009), *A Tale of Love and Darkness* (2004), *The Same Sea* (2001)

Two She-Bears by Meir Shalev (Schocken, 9/2016)

See also: *A Pigeon and a Boy* (2007), *Four Meals* (2000), *The Loves of Judith* (1999), *The Blue Mountain* (1991)

The Extra by A.B. Yehoshua (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)

See also: *Friendly Fire* (2008), *A Woman in Jerusalem* (2006), *The Liberated Bride* (2003), *A Journey to the End of the Millennium* (1999)

Short Stories:

The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction edited by Victoria Aarons, Avinoam J. Patt, and Mark Shechner (Wayne State University Press, 2015)

The Seven Good Years by Etgar Keret (Riverhead Books, 2015)

See also: *Tel Aviv Noir* (2014), *Suddenly, a Knock on the Door* (2012), *The Bus Driver Who Wanted to Be God & Other Stories* (2001)

Honeydew: Stories by Edith Pearlman (Little Brown & Company, 2015)

See also: *Binocular Vision: New & Selected Stories* (2011), *How to Fall: Stories* (2005), *Love Among the Greats* (2002), *Vaquita and Other Stories* (1996)

The Best Place on Earth: Stories by Ayelet Tsabari (Random House, 2016)

And So Is the Bus: Jerusalem Stories by Yossel Birstein (Dryad Press, 2016)

The Bed Moved by Rebecca Schiff (Knopf, 2016)

In the Land of Armadillos: Stories by Helen Maryles Shankman (Simon & Schuster, 2016)

Jewish Noir: Contemporary Tales of Crime and Other Dark Deeds edited by Kenneth Wishnia (PM Press, 2015)

Nine Facts That Can Change Your Life by Ronna Wineberg (Serving House Books, 2016)

See also: *On Bittersweet Place* (2014)

Jew-ish Fiction:

The Good Neighbor by Amy Sue Nathan (St. Martin's, 2015)

See also: *The Glass Wives* (2013)

Who Do You Love by Jennifer Weiner (Atria, 2015)

See also: *Certain Girls* (2008), *In Her Shoes* (2002), *Good in Bed* (2001)

Early One Morning by Virginia Baily (Little, Brown & Company, 2015)

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende (Atria Books, 2015)

The Jazz Palace by Mary Morris (Nan A. Talese, 2015)

The Song of Hartgrove Hall by Natasha Solomons (Plume, 2015)

See also: *The Gallery of Vanished Husbands* (2013), *The House at Tyneford* (2011), *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English* (2010)

Wherever There is Light by Peter Golden (Atria Books, 2015)

White Collar Girl by Renee Rosen (New American Library, 2015)

More New Novels:

The Debt of Tamar by Nicole Dweck (Thomas Dunne, 2015)

The Yid by Paul Goldberg (St. Martin's, 2016)

The Two-Family House by Lynda Cohen Loigman (St. Martin's, 2016)

The Muralist by B.A. Shapiro (Algonquin Books, 2015)

See also: *The Art Forger* (2012)

Piece of Mind by Michelle Adelman (WW Norton, 2016)

Enchanted Islands by Allison Amend (Doubleday/Nan A. Talese, 2016)
See also: *Stations West* (2010)
The Book of Esther by Emily Barton (Random House, 7/2016)
And After the Fire by Lauren Belfer (Harper, 2016)
The Houseguest by Kim Brooks (Counterpoint, 2016)
Modern Girls by Jennifer Brown (Penguin, 2016)
The House of Dreams by Kate Lord Brown (Thomas Dunne, 2016)
The Beautiful Possible by Amy Gottlieb (Harper Perennial, 2016)
Mrs. Houdini by Victoria Kelly (Atria, 2016)
As Close to Us As Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner (Lee Boudreaux Books, 2016)
Unspeakable Things by Kathleen Spivack (Knopf, 2016)

Book Club Favorites:

The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis (Little Brown, 2014)
See also: *The Free World* (2011), *Natasha and Other Stories* (2004)
Washing the Dead by Michelle Brafman (Prospect Park Books, 2015)
See also: *Bertrand Court* (9/2016)
The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor (Riverhead Books, 2015)
See also: *Margot* (2013)
Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast (Bloomsbury, 2014)
All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen (Graywolf Press, 2015)
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Press, 2015)
The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman (Simon & Schuster, 2015)
See also: *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* (2014), *The Dovekeepers* (2011), *Incantation* (2006)
Marjorie Morningstar by Herman Wouk (Doubleday, 1955)
See also: *Sailor and Fiddler: Reflections of a 100-Year-old Author* (2016), *The Lawgiver* (2012)

Coming Soon . . .

The Last Woman Standing by Thelma Adams (Lake Union, 7/2016)
The German Girl by Armando Lucas Correa (Atria, 10/2016)
Inheriting Edith by Zoe Fishman (William Morrow, 11/2016)
See also: *Saving Ruth* (2012)
The Waiting Room by Leah Kaminsky (Harper Perennial, 11/2016)
Mischling by Affinity Konar (Lee Boudreaux Books, 9/2016)
Among the Living by Jonathan Rabb (Other Press, 10/2016)
The Butcher of Borough Park by Sonja Sharp (Fig Tree Books, 3/2017)

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