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The Latest & Greatest in Jewish Fiction for Adults

Our patrons are looking for a “Good Read” - how can we help them find an appropriate book? How can we keep up with all of the new releases? What are Jewish book groups reading? Explore the latest and greatest in Jewish fiction for adult readers and come prepared to share some of your favorite new titles.

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NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

The Boston Girl
by Anita Diamant
(Scribner, 2014)

*paperback 8/2015*

See also:
Day After Night (2009)
Good Harbor (2001)
The Red Tent (1997)

NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

The Day of Atonement
by David Liss
(Random House, 2014)

*paperback 9/2015*

See also:
A Spectacle of Corruption (2004)
The Devil’s Company (2009)
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NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

The Golem of Hollywood
by Jonathan Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman
(Putnam, 2014)
“paperback 7/2015”

Murder 101
A Decker Lazarus Novel
by Faye Kellerman
(William Morrow, 2014)
“paperback available”

NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

Daniel Silva
The Heist
(HarperCollins, 2014)
“paperback available”

The English Spy
(HarperCollins, 7/2015)
See also:
The Kill Artist (2000) and all 13 previous books in the Gabriel Allon series

NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

In the Unlikely Event
by Judy Blume
(Knopf, 2015)
See also:
Summer Sisters (1998)
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NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

Saint Mazie
by Jami Attenberg
(Grand Central, 2015)

See also:
The Middlesteins (2013)

NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate
by Letty Cottin Pogrebin
(Feminist Press at CUNY, 2015)
*paperback available*

See also:
Three Daughters (2002)

NEW BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

The Winter Guest
by Pam Jenoff
(Mira Book, 2014)

*in paperback*

See also:
The Kommandant’s Girl (2007)
The Diplomat’s Wife (2008)
Almost Home (2009)
A Hidden Affair (2010)
Things We Cherished (2011)
The Ambassador’s Daughter (2013)
MORE NEW BOOKS
BY FAVORITE AUTHORS
The Bridal Chair by Gloria Goldreich
(Sourcebooks, 2015)
The Fires of Autumn by Irene Nemirovsky
(Vintage, 2015)
A Dangerous Place by Jacqueline Winspear
(HarperCollins, 2015)

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD
Fiction & Debut
Fiction Finalist:
The UnAmericans:
Stories
by Molly Antopol
(WW Norton, 2014)
*paperback available*
Also a 2015 Sami Rohr Prize Finalist

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD
Fiction Finalist:
The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.
by Gina B. Nahai
(Akashic Books, 2014)
*paperback available*
See also:
Cry of the Peacock (1991)
Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith (1999)
Caspian Rain (2007)
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NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD

Fiction Finalist:
To Rise Again at a Decent Hour
by Joshua Ferris
(Little, Brown & Company, 2014)

*paperback available*

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD

Outstanding Debut Fiction Finalist:
The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street
by Susan Jane Gilman
(Grand Central Publishing, 2014)

*paperback available*

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD

Outstanding Debut Fiction Finalists:
The Marrying of Chani Kaufman
by Eve Harris
(Grove Press, 2014)

You Shall Know Our Names
(The Judah Halevi Journals Volume 1)
by Ezekiel Nieto Benzion
(CreateSpace, 2013
(see also volume 2, Cuts Close to the Heart)
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**SOPHIE BRODY AWARD**

Honorable Mention:
*In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist*
by Ruchama King Feuerman
(Random House, 2014)
"in paperback"
Also a 2013 National Jewish Book Award Debut Fiction Finalist
See also:
Seven Blessings (2003)

**2015 SAMI ROHR PRIZE WINNER**

$1000,000 Prize

*The Best Place on Earth: Stories*
by Ayelet Tsabari
(Random House, 3/2016)
"published as an eBook by HarperCollins Canada in 3/2013"

**2015 SAMI ROHR CHOICE AWARD**

$25,000 Prize

*The Lion Seeker*
by Kenneth Bonert
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013)
"paperback available"
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MAN BOOKER PRIZE

Shortlisted: 
J: A Novel
by Howard Jacobson
(Hogarth Press, 2014)

*paperback 9/2015*

See also:
Zoo Time (2012)
The Finkler Question (2010)
Kalooki Nights (2006)

ALA NOTABLE BOOKS FOR ADULTS

The Children Act
by Ian McEwan
(Nan a Talese, 2014)

*paperback available*

RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

2015 Sami Rohr Prize
Finalist:
Panic in a Suitcase
by Yelena Akhtiorskaya
(Riverhead Books, 2014)

*paperback 8/2015*
RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

National Jewish Book Award
Fiction Winner:
The Betrayers
by David Bezmozgis
(Little, Brown & Company)
*paperback available*
See also:
The Free World (2011)
Natasha & Other Stories (2004)

RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

Hotel Moscow
by Talia Carner
(HarperCollins, 2015)
*in paperback *
See also:
Jerusalem Maiden (2011)

RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

Sophie Brody 2015 Winner:
A Replacement Life by
Boris Fishman
(HarperCollins, 2014)
*paperback available*
Also a National Jewish Book Award
Fiction Finalist and a 2015 Sami Rohr Prize Finalist
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RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

National Jewish Book Award
Outstanding Debut Fiction:
The Mathematician’s Shiva
by Stuart Rojstaczer
(Penguin Books, 2014)
*in paperback*
Also received an "Honorable Mention,”
2015 Sophie Brody Award

RUSSIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir
by Lev Golinkin (Doubleday, 2014)
Mannequin Girl by Ellen Litman (WW Norton, 2014)
Dinner with Stalin and Other Stories by David Shrayer-Petrov
(Syracuse University Press, 2014)
Little Failure: A Memoir by Gary Shteyngart (Random House, 2014)
The Big Green Tent by Ludmila Ulitskaya (Farrar, 11/2015)
The Scent of Pine by Lara Vapnyar (Simon & Schuster, 2014)
On Bittersweet Place by Ronna Wineberg (Relegation Books, 2014)

HOLOCAUST/WORLD WAR II

The Nightingale
by Kristin Hannah
(St. Martin’s, 2015)
"paperback 3/2016"
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**HOLOCAUST/WORLD WAR II**

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

“paperback 3/2016”

See also: The Sensualist: A Novella (2011)

**MORE NEW HOLOCAUST FICTION**

The Death’s Head Chess Club by John Donoghue
(Atlantic Books, 2015)

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

Searching for Wallenberg by Alan Lelchuk
(Itasca Books, 2015)

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

**NEW FROM ISRAEL**

Suddenly, Love
by Aharon Appelfeld
(Schocken Books, 2014)

See also: Until the Dawn’s Light (2011)

Blooms of Darkness (2010)

Laish (2009)

All Whom I Have Loved (2007)

and more!
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NEW FROM ISRAEL

The Jewish Dog
by Asher Kravitz
(Penlight Publications, 2015)

NEW FROM ISRAEL

Tel Aviv Noir
edited by Etgar Keret
(Akashic Books, 2014)
*paperback available*

Also by Etgar Keret:
The Seven Good Years (2015)
Suddenly, a Knock on the Door (2012)
Four Stories (2010)
The Bus Driver Who Wanted to be God (2001)

NEW FROM ISRAEL

The Lie
by Hesh Kestin
(Scribner, 2014)
*paperback available*

See also:
The Iron Will of Shoeshine Cats (2009)
NEW FROM ISRAEL

Khirbet Khizeh
by S. Yizhar
(Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2014)
*in paperback *
See also:
Midnight Convoy & Other Stories (2007)
Preliminaries (2007)

Duet in Beirut by Mishka Ben-David
(Overlook Press, 2015)
Alexandrian Summer by Yitzhak Gormezano Goren
(New Vessel Press, 2015)
Lies, First Person by Gail Hareven
(Open Letter, 2015)

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

From Foe to Friends & Other Stories
by S.Y. Agnon
A Graphic Novel
by Shay Charka
(Toby Press, 2014)
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**SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS**

*Many Seconds into the Future: Ten Stories*
by John J. Clayton
(Texas Tech University Press, 2014)
"in paperback"
See also:
Mitzvah Man (2011)

*Honeydew: Stories*
by Edith Pearlman
(Little Brown, 2015)
"paperback 9/2015"
See also:
Binocular Vision: New & Selected Stories (2011)
How to Fall: Stories (2005)
Love Among the Greats (2002)
Vaquita and Other Stories (1996)

*Grand Central: Original Stories of Postwar Love and Reunion*
(Berkley, 2014)
"in paperback"
See also:
The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman (2011)
Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum (2004)
The Baker’s Daughter by Sarah McCoy (2012)
and novels by Pam Jenoff

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MORE SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

Death by Pastrami by Leonard S. Bernstein (University of New Orleans, 2014)
Blaustein’s Kiss: Stories by Judith Felsenfeld (Epigraph, 2014)
The Wall and Other Stories by Jurek Becker (Arcade Publishing, 2014)
Flings: Stories by Justin Taylor (HarperCollins, 2014)
After Abel and Other Stories by Michal Lemberger (Prospect Park Books, 2015)

MORE NEW NOVELS

The Mapmaker’s Daughter
by Laurel Corona
(Sourcebooks, 2014)

*in paperback*

Henna House
by Nomí Eve
(Simon & Schuster, 2014)

*paperback 8/2015*

See also:
The Family Orchard (2000)
**MORE NEW NOVELS**

*Commodore Levy: A Novel of Early America in the Age of Sail*
by Irving Litvag
(Texas Tech University Press, 2014)

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*Electric City*
by Elizabeth Rosner
(Counterpoint, 2014)

"paperback 10/2015"

See also:
Blue Nude (2006)
The Speed of Light (2001)

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

See also:
The Last Day of the War (2004)
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MORE NEW NOVELS

I Pity the Poor Immigrant
by Zachary Lazar
(Little Brown, 2014)

Fig Tree Books

Prayers for the Living
by Alan Cheuse
Safekeeping
by Jessamyn Hope
Compulsion
by Meyer Levin
The Book of Stone
by Jonathan Papernick
The Sea Beach Line
by Ben Nadler (10/2015)
The Pawnbroker
by Edward Lewis Wallant (11/2015)

MORE NEW NOVELS

After Birth by Elisa Albert
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015)
Washing the Dead by Michelle Brafman
(Prospect Park Books, 2015)
Book of Numbers by Joshua Cohen
(Random House, 2015)
Where the Bird Sings Best by Alejandro Jodorowsky
(Restless Books, 2015)
The Night, The Day by Andrew Kane
(Berwick Court, 2015)
MORE NEW NOVELS

Leaving Berlin by Joseph Kanon
(Atria Books, 2015)
The Glory of Life by Michael Kumpfmuller
(University of Chicago Press, 2015)
Happy are the Happy by Yasmina Reza
(Other Press, 2015)
Famous All Over Town by Bernie Schein
(University of South Carolina Press, 2015)
The Pinch by Steve Stern
(Graywolf Press, 2015)

COMING SOON . . .

The Marriage of Opposites
by Alice Hoffman
(Simon & Schuster, 8/2015)
See also:
The Museum of Extraordinary Things
(2014)
The Dovekeepers (2011)
Incantation (2006)

COMING SOON . . .

The Mystics of Mile End
by Sigal Samuel
(William Morrow, 10/2015)
COMING SOON . . .

The Debt of Tamar by Nicole Dweck
(Thomas Dunne, 9/2015)
Esther by Rebecca Kanner
(Simon & Schuster, 11/2015)
The Good Neighbor by Amy Sue Nathan
(St. Martin’s, 12/2015)
Orphan Number Eight by Kim van Alkemade
(William Morrow, 7/2015)

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