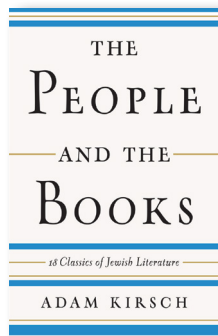


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*The People and the Books* shows how central themes of our history and culture are reflected in the Jewish literary canon: the nature of God, the right way to understand the Bible, the relationship of the Jews to their Promised Land, and the challenges of living as a minority in Diaspora. By exploring 18 classic texts, Adam Kirsch offers new ways to think about their enduring power and influence.

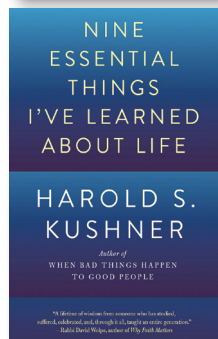
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### DONATELLA COLABI *Venice, the Jews and Europe: 1516-2016*

A history and reconstruction of the Venice Ghetto: its development, its architecture, the life of its inhabitants and their relations with the city. The Jewish religion's customs and rites of the time are closely analysed, along with the importance of Venetian Jewish printing upon the rest of Europe. In short, this is the story of a complete and enthralling microcosm that grew and prospered for over four centuries within the Serenissima Republic.

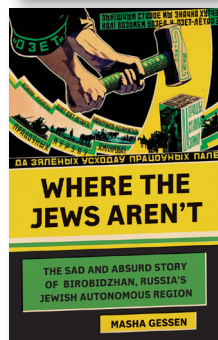
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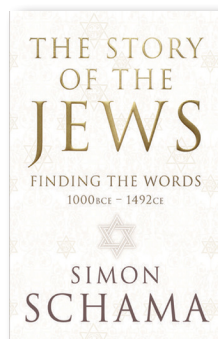
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### MASHA GESSEN *Where the Jews Aren't*

In 1929, the Soviet Union declared the area of Birobidzhan a homeland for Jews. By the early 30s, thousands of Jews had moved there from the shtetls. After WWII, the newly named "Jewish Autonomous Region" received an influx of Jews, most of whom had lost families in the Holocaust. Now, Masha Gessen gives us a haunting account of Birobidzhan and the true story of the Jews in twentieth-century Russia.

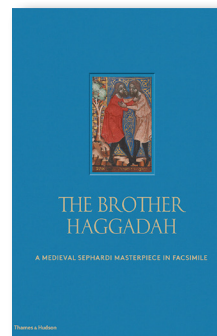
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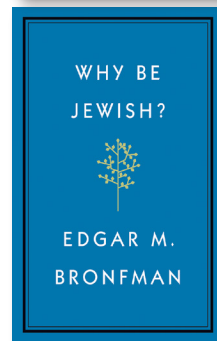
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### MARK MICHAEL EPSTEIN *The Brother Haggadah*

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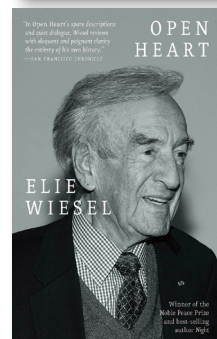
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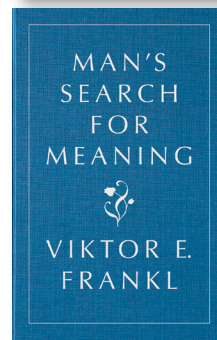
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### ELIE WIESEL *Open Heart*

Eighty-two years old and facing his own mortality, Elie Wiesel reflects back on his life. In his writing, teaching, and public life, has he done enough for memory and for the survivors? His ongoing questioning of God – where has it led? Is there hope for mankind? The world's tireless ambassador of tolerance and justice gives us a luminous account of hope and despair, an exploration of the love, regrets, and abiding faith of a remarkable man.

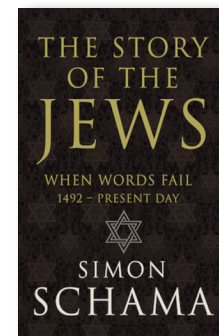
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### VIKTOR E. FRANKL *Man's Search For Meaning*

Psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's memoir of life in Nazi death camps has riveted generations of readers. Based on Frankl's own experience and the stories of his patients, the book argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward. A new gift edition of a modern classic, with supplemental photographs, speeches, letters, and essays.

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Penguin Canada, HC, 352 PP, 9780670069798, \$45.00, April 2017