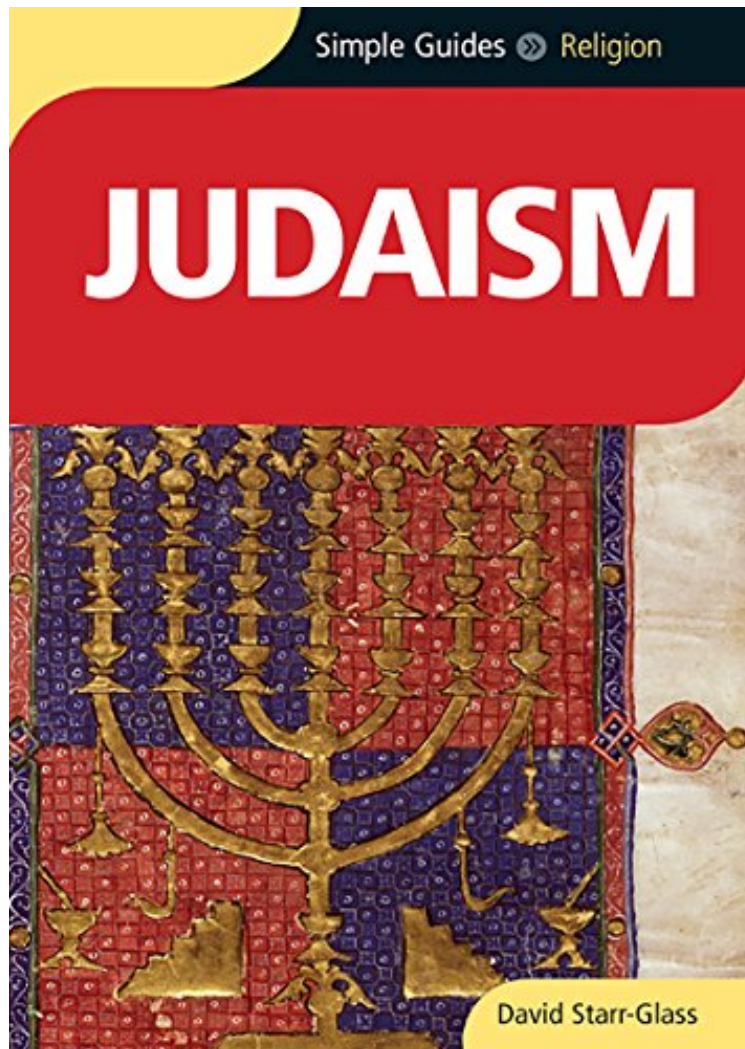


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Kurzbeschreibung THIS BOOK WILL HELP YOU to appreciate the wisdom of the worlds oldest monotheistic religion to understand what it means to be a Jew to recognize the key Jewish festivals and the different aspects of Jewish practice and belief to avoid faux pas in conversation, in travelling and in personal relationships Judaism is the worlds oldest monotheistic religion. While the number of its adherents has always been small, its principles and ethics have influenced Christianity and Islam, and its holy book, the Hebrew Bible, is arguably the foundation document of Western civilization. The most important principle in Judaism is the belief in a single, ineffable Godhead, who created the universe and continues to govern it with justice and compassion. According to Jewish tradition, Judaism began with the covenant between God and Abraham, the patriarch and progenitor of the Jewish people. The central moment in their spiritual journey was the revelation of His laws to Moses on Mount Sinai, acceptance of which bound them to create a moral and ethical society that would be a light unto nations. Traditionally, Judaism places great value on study of the Torah and the observance of its commandments. It is, however, as much a religion of doing as of thinking, and Jews strive for a balance between thought and deed in carrying out the Divine task of repairing the world. In modern Judaism there is no earthly hierarchy: authority lies in its sacred texts, religious law, and learned rabbis who interpret those texts and laws for changing times. Judaism is at once a subtle, practical, collective, and personal religion in which each believer enters into a direct relationship with God. This engaging book is not just a concise and readable introduction to its history, beliefs, teachings, and practices, but a shared exploration of the inner vitality and wisdom of the Jewish world.

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Synopsis Today, about a quarter of the world's Jews live in Israel which has a population of about 6,000,000, of which Jews account for over 80%. In Israel, there is no state religion as such, but most areas of domestic law (personal status, marriage, divorce, funerals etc.) are controlled by the Rabbinate. Most Israeli Jews admit to following many of the basic beliefs and practices of Judaism which date back some 4000 years to the time of the Patriarchs. The Jewish community in Britain numbers approximately 300,000 and is the second largest group in Europe. There is a wide spectrum of religious observance - from low to high - the latter being the ultra-orthodox Jews: men with side locks, dressed in black hats and long coats, the women in long skirts and dark stockings. General Orthodox Jews wear a "kippa" (skullcap). This pocket guide offers an introduction to Judaism and various insights into the related culture. It focuses on the facts and historical development rather than dealing with scriptural interpretation and theological discussion.