



Jewish Fiction

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These works of fiction contain Jewish themes of religion and culture, crossing a range of genres.

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HEDWIG AND BERTI

By Frieda Arkin

Call #: F Arkin

Forced to leave their homeland during the rise of the Nazis, German Jews Hedwig Kessler, her husband Berti, and their piano prodigy daughter, Gerda, confront the trials and tribulations of becoming immigrants.



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PEEP SHOW

By Joshua Braff

Call #: F Braff

As entertaining as it is moving, *Peep Show* looks at the elaborate ensembles, rituals, assumed names, and fierce loyalties of two secret worlds, stripping away the curtains of both.



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THE FRUIT OF HER HANDS: THE STORY OF SHIRA OF ASHKENAZ

By Michelle Cameron

Call #: F Cameron

A rabbi's wife perseveres amid rising anti-Semitism in 13th century Europe.



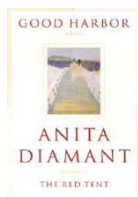
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THE YIDDISH POLICEMEN'S UNION

By Michael Chabon

Call #: Mystery F Chabon

In a world in which Alaska, rather than Israel, has become the homeland for the Jews following World War II, Detective Meyer Landsman and his half-Tlingit partner Berko investigate the death of a heroin-addicted chess prodigy.



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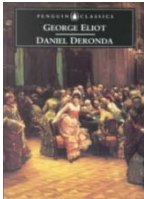
GOOD HARBOR

By Anita Diamant

Call #: F Diamant

Two women are brought together by a mutual love for books, humor and nature for a once in a lifetime friendship.





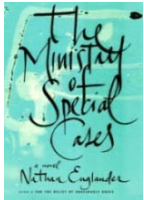
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DANIEL DERONDA

By George Eliot

Call #: F Eliot

Daniel Deronda, raised among the British upper classes, discovers his Jewish ancestry and, while struggling to choose between his upbringing and heredity, falls in love with a well-bred woman trapped in an unhappy marriage



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THE MINISTRY OF SPECIAL CASES

By Nathan Englander

Call #: F Englander

In 1976 Buenos Aires, Kaddish Poznan, and his wife, Lillian, are devastated by the disappearance of their son, Pato, which forces them into the bleak corridors of the Ministry of Special Cases in search of the truth.



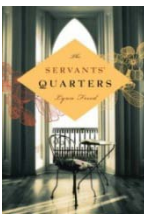
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EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED

By Jonathan Safran Foer

Call #: F Foer

Follow a young writer as he travels to the farmlands of eastern Europe, where he embarks on a quest to find Augustine, the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis.



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THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS

By Lynn Freed

Call #: F Freed

Following WW II, young Cressida lives in terror of George Harding, a severely disfigured soldier who recovers in the family's stately South African home, a situation that binds them when George saves Cressida's family from financial ruin.



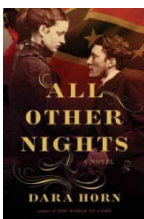
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SOMETHING RED

By Jennifer Gilmore

Call #: F Gilmore

Caught up in such challenges as a new college year, adolescence, and extreme religious beliefs, the Goldstein family of 1979 Washington, D.C., is upended by Dennis Goldstein's government job in the shifting political landscape of the Cold War.



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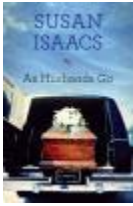
ALL OTHER NIGHTS

By Dara Horn

Call #: F Horn

Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army, struggles with difficult moral questions when he is ordered to murder his own uncle, who has been plotting an assassination attempt against President Lincoln





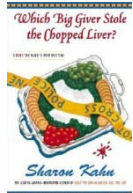
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AS HUSBANDS GO

By Susan Isaacs

Call #: F Isaacs

Astonished when her seemingly devoted husband is found murdered in a prostitute's apartment, Susie, a mother of four-year-old triplets, bristles at her neighbors' mixed reactions and tackles everyone from her husband's partners to the DA to restore her family's honor.



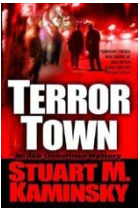
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WHICH BIG GIVER STOLE THE CHOPPED LIVER?

By Sharon Kahn

Call #: Mystery F Kahn

When her nemesis launches a campaign to change Temple Rita and institute a new spiritual leader, rabbi's widow Ruby watches with growing concern as a planned reunion stirs memories best left forgotten, a situation that escalates into a murder.



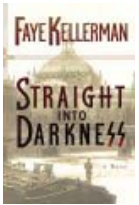
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TERROR TOWN: AN ABE LIEBERMAN MYSTERY

By Stuart M. Kaminsky

Call #: Mystery F Kaminsky

Detective Abe Lieberman works to discover a common link between a baseball player whose career has been cut short by tragedy, a religious fanatic who employs unorthodox conversion methods, and a murdered single mother.



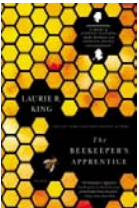
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STRAIGHT INTO DARKNESS

By Faye Kellerman

Call #: Mystery F Kellerman

In 1920s Munich, the body of Anna Gross, a young society wife, has been found in the English Gardens, still clothed in finery. Soon a second body is discovered, also a woman of high society.



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THE BEEKEEPER'S APPRENTICE: OR, ON THE SEGREGATION OF THE QUEEN

By Laurie R. King

Call #: Mystery F King

When Mary Russell meets famous detective Sherlock Holmes, she discovers that he is also a beekeeper. Soon she finds herself on the trail of kidnappers and discovers a plot to kill both Holmes and herself.



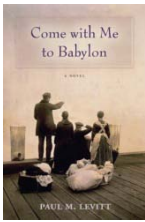
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THE WITCH OF COLOGNE

By Tobsha Learner

Call #: F Learner

A sensuous Jewish midwife is persecuted by the Spanish Inquisition, a chief rabbi is forced to choose between his daughter and his people, and an inquisitor harbors a deeply personal reason for seeking the midwife's condemnation



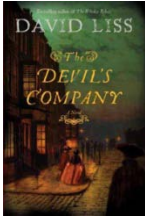
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COME WITH ME TO BABYLON

By Paul M. Levitt

Call #: F Levitt

In 1910 the Cohen family, in search of the Golden Medina, undertakes a dangerous journey from Russia to the United States, where the new world exposes family secrets, cultural conflicts, the corruption of the American Dream, and love's divides.



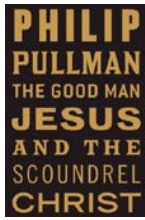
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THE DEVIL'S COMPANY

By David Liss

Call #: F Liss

Blackmailed into stealing trade secrets from the ruthless British East India Company of eighteenth-century London, Benjamin Weaver discovers that he has been drawn into a daring conspiracy for which he must infiltrate the company to save his loved ones.



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THE GOOD MAN JESUS AND THE SCOUNDREL CHRIST

By Philip Pullman

Call #: F Pullman

By challenging the events of the gospels, Pullman puts forward his own compelling and plausible version of the life of Jesus, and in so doing, does what all great books do: makes the reader ask questions.



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SOTAH

By Naomi Ragen

Call #: F Ragen

Dissatisfied with her arranged marriage, beautiful Dina Reich flirts with a charismatic married man and finds herself condemned by Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Jewish community.



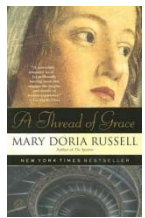
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INDIGNATION

By Philip Roth

Call #: F Roth

The Korean War is on, and Marcus Messner moves from Newark to Ohio's conservative Christian Winesburg College to avoid his father, who is getting more and more possessive.



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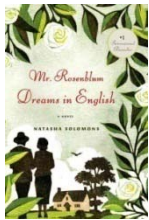
A THREAD OF GRACE

By Mary Doria Russell

Call #: F Russell

In September 1943, Claudette Blum and her father flee across the Alps into Italy with other Jews seeking refuge, only to find an open battle ground among the Nazis, Allied forces, resistance fighters, and ordinary Italians struggling to survive.





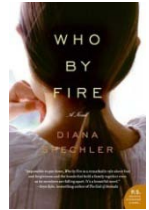
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MR. ROSENBLUM DREAMS IN ENGLISH: A NOVEL

By Natasha Solomons

Call #: F Solomons

After Jack and Sadie Rosenblum and their baby daughter escape Berlin at the beginning of World War II, they settle in England –and Jack begins his quest to build a golf course.



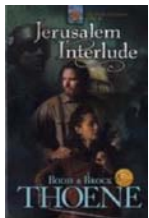
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WHO BY FIRE

By Diana Spechler

Call #: F Spechler

The rift and salvage of a family when a child is kidnapped and killed.



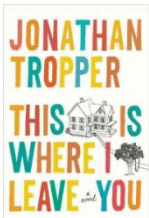
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JERUSALEM INTERLUDE

By Bodie Thoene

Call #: F Thoene

Leah and Shimon Feldstein have reached Jerusalem and enter their new life in the shadow of the Western Wall, only to find a more sinister shadow is casting its darkness over the Holy Land



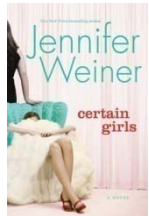
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THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU

By Jonathan Tropper

Call #: F Tropper

Judd Foxman is thrown together with his dysfunctional family when his father dies, while at the same time coping with his wife's infidelity and the end of his marriage.



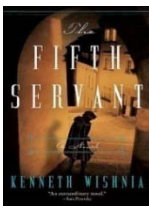
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CERTAIN GIRLS

By Jennifer Weiner

Call #: F Weiner

Cannie's back! But now she has a teenage daughter—and a husband who is thinking of another child...



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THE FIFTH SERVANT

By K.J.A. Wishnia

Call #: Mystery F Wishnia

To save his community, a young Talmudic scholar must discover who killed a Christian girl, in this richly atmospheric tale of religion, mystery, and intrigue, set in 16th-century Central Europe during the Inquisition.