

## Judaism For Dummies

"Judaism is one of the oldest religions in the world, and it has preserved its distinctive identity despite the extraordinarily diverse forms and beliefs it has embodied over the course of more than three millennia. A History of Judaism provides the first truly comprehensive look in one volume at how this great religion came to be, how it has evolved from one age to the next, and how its various strains, sects, and traditions have related to each other. In this magisterial and elegantly written book, Martin Goodman takes readers from Judaism's origins in the polytheistic world of the second and first millennia BCE to the temple cult at the time of Jesus. He tells the stories of the rabbis, mystics, and messiahs of the medieval and early modern periods and guides us through the many varieties of Judaism today. Goodman's compelling narrative spans the globe, from the Middle East, Europe, and America to North Africa, China, and India. He explains the institutions and ideas on which all forms of Judaism are based, and masterfully weaves together the different threads of doctrinal and philosophical debate that run throughout its history."--

Deals with more complex, controversial and far-ranging subjects than *The Jewish Book of Why*.

With the current turmoil in the Middle East, there is a growing interest about Islam—the world's second largest religion and one of the fastest growing—and its holy book, the Koran (or Qur'an). Now, with this easy-to-follow, plain-English guide, you can explore the history, structure, and basic tenets of Islam's sacred scripture. *The Koran For Dummies* is for non-Muslims interested in the Koran as well as Muslims looking to deepen their understanding. Islamic scholar Sohaib Sultan provides a clear road map, revealing: The meaning of Koran and its basic message The Koran's place in history and in Islamic spiritual life Explanations of its language, structure, and narrative style How to live by the Koran's teachings The Koran's role in key global issues, such as Jihad vs. terrorism Different interpretations of the Koran No other book provides such a straightforward look at what the Koran says, how it says it, and how believers live

according to its guidance. From how the Koran was received by Mohammed and how it was compiled to how it's interpreted by Islam's two main branches, you'll see how to put the Islamic faith in perspective. Plus, you'll discover: What the Koran really says about women and civil law How Islam relates to Judaism and Christianity The Koran's view of God, prophets, mankind, and the self How its teachings are lived and recited every day by devout Muslims Common misconceptions of the Koran How to raise a family the Koranic way Complete with lists of important passages, Koranic terminology, famous quotes, and further reading resources, The Koran For Dummies makes it easy and enjoyable for you to grasp the teachings and significance of Islam's holy book.

Get to know the beliefs and practices inspired by Jesus Christ Discover what it means to be a Christian and follow the gospel Curious about Christianity? This friendly guide helps you understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith, exploring the common ground that all Christians share, the differences among the major branches, the key events in Christian history, the key theological issues, and the many ways Christians live out their faith in today's world. The Dummies Way Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational aids Tear-out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of humor and fun Discover how to: Express the core essentials of Christianity Appreciate the life and teachings of Jesus Understand why the Bible is central to the faith Respect the unique roles of the Trinity Explore controversial issues among the branches

Christianity For Dummies

The What, how and why of Jewish Life

Judaism for Dummies! from Dummies to Expert. History of Judaism. Beginners Guide for Learning the Basics of Judaism

Jewish Culture

Why Jews Do That

A Biologist's Point of View

In Living Judaism, Rabbi Wayne Dosick, Ph.D., author the acclaimed Golden Rules, Dancing with God, and When Life Hurts, offers an engaging and definitive overview of Jewish philosophy and

theology, rituals and customs. Combining quality scholarship and sacred spiritual instruction, Living Judaism is a thought-provoking reference and guide for those already steeped in Jewish life, and a comprehensive introduction for those exploring the richness and grandeur of Judaism. Discover .... Judaism (?????) is a monotheistic religion of Jews characterized by the fact that it does represent not only religious and customary, but also an ethical, legal and historical feature of the Jewish people. The word Jew (a Jew, a Hebrew) and Judaism originated from the verb AVOR (the ancient Aramaic-Hebrew language), which means - to cross. It was the name of all the Semitic tribes which, at the beginning of II millennium BC, began to cross the river Euphrates, moving from Mesopotamia towards the Mediterranean. The ancient Greeks called these tribes Hebraia and Romans called them Hebraei (Hebrews, Jews). One day a non-Jew approached the rabbi Hillel, who lived in the 1st century BC, and asked him to explain the essence of Judaism. Hillel replied: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor," and continued, "This is the essence. The rest are comments. Go ahead and learn." (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat, 31a). In the narrow sense of the word Judaism is the religion of Jews. In the wider sense Judaism is entire Jewish tradition and culture. Judaism is not monolithic but very diverse: various forms of Judaism exist parallel to each other and are often in conflict. In the modern period, there are many routes within Judaism - religious, political, and cultural. Until 200 years ago, the Jewish religion is realized in a unique manner and included all aspects of life of Jews. Today, one part of Jews who are called Orthodox Jews, continue to respect all the laws and traditions of Judaism, while other parts of Jews don't. These are Conservatives and Reformists. Conservatives believe that the Jewish laws and traditions are changing from the ancient times to the present. The Reform, Liberal or Progressive Jewish movement consider that an individual can choose which laws to abide and what tradition to cherish. There is also a secular, humanistic version of Judaism that studies and cares for the Jewish tradition and history, not adhering to the religious law in practical life. Jews who see their affiliation to Judaism in this way, are emotionally tied to the Jewish heritage that gives them identity. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... Who is Considered a Jew?> First Period: Biblical Judaism Second Period: the Exile to Babylon Third Period: Middle Ages Contemporary Judaism The Holy Bible Jewish Mysticism Jewish Holiday Calendar The Synagogue and Jewish Prayer The Zionist Movement Judaism in the Modern Period (late 18th - 21th century) Download your copy today!© 2016 All Rights Reserved !Tags: judaism, judaism for dummies, history of judaism, religion, israel,

kabbalah

An easy-to-understand introduction to Judaism's most sacred text The foundation of Hebrew and Jewish religion, thought, law, and society is the Torah—the parchment scroll containing the text of the Five Books of Moses that is located in every synagogue. This accessible guide explains the Torah in clear language, even to those who were not raised in the Jewish religious tradition. Christians who want to know more about the Jewish roots of Christianity need to understand the Torah, as do followers of Islamic tradition and those interested in the roots of Abrahamic faiths. The Torah For Dummies explains the history of the Torah, its structure and major principles, and how the Torah affects the daily lives of people who follow the Jewish way of life.

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Judaism

A History of Judaism

A Handbook for People Converting to Judaism and for Their Family and Friends

Secrets of the Guide for the Perplexed

Seven Keys to the Enduring Wealth of a People

Conquering Fear

**NEW Second Edition, Published September 14, 2016** So, you want to convert to Judaism? That's great! You have to understand, though, that Judaism is not only a religion but is also a way of life. Jews consider themselves as one big family. Hence, to have a proper perspective about everything, you'll have to mentally orient yourself that you're trying to find a way in as a productive member of that Jewish family. You should also brace yourself for a long struggle ahead of you because converting to Judaism is not a walk in the park. This book will provide you with an excellent introduction to Judaism as well as what to expect during your conversion process, including lots of great tips and pointers that will help along the way.

"Among the most lucid, authoritative accounts of Jewish culture in the English language. A work of impressive breadth, great intelligence and clarity." -Steven J. Zipperstein, Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History, Stanford University "Jess Olson guides his readers through four thousand years of Jewish experience, his eye set firmly on the life of the Jewish people today. An "incisive insider" and master teacher, Olson's A Quick Immersion in Jewish Culture? is a delightful entry point to all things Jewish." -Steven Fine, Churgin Professor of Jewish History, Director, Center for Israel Studies, Yeshiva University "Jess Olson has written a clear, well-conceived, deeply informed, highly engaging introduction to Judaism. Highly recommended!" -Michah Gottlieb, Associate Professor of Jewish Thought and Philosophy, New York University Jewish Culture. A Quick Immersion offers a broad overview of Jewish culture and identity throughout Jewish history. In accessible language, Jewish Culture explores the religious, ethnic and national components of Jewish identities as they have developed over some 4,000 years. It is an ideal text for those with little familiarity with Jewish history, religion and culture, as well as the more

informed reader interested in a broad synthesis the many strains of thought and experience that have shaped Judaism and the Jewish people.

A publishing sensation long at the top of the best-seller lists in Israel, the original Hebrew edition of Maimonides and the Book That Changed Judaism has been called the most successful book ever published in Israel on the preeminent medieval Jewish thinker Moses Maimonides. The works of Maimonides, particularly *The Guide for the Perplexed*, are reckoned among the fundamental texts that influenced all subsequent Jewish philosophy and also proved to be highly influential in Christian and Islamic thought. Spanning subjects ranging from God, prophecy, miracles, revelation, and evil, to politics, messianism, reason in religion, and the therapeutic role of doubt, Maimonides and the Book That Changed Judaism elucidates the complex ideas of *The Guide* in remarkably clear and engaging prose. Drawing on his own experience as a central figure in the current Israeli renaissance of Jewish culture and spirituality, Micah Goodman brings Maimonides's masterwork into dialogue with the intellectual and spiritual worlds of twenty-first-century readers. Goodman contends that in Maimonides's view, the Torah's purpose is not to bring clarity about God but rather to make us realize that we do not understand God at all; not to resolve inscrutable religious issues but to give us insight into the true nature and purpose of our lives.

An introduction to the Talmud describes such topics as its contents, the relationship between science and medicine and Talmudic philosophy, the Talmudic lifestyle, and blessings found in the Talmud

Gateway to Judaism

Understanding and Applying Kabbalistic History, Concepts, and Practices

Comparative Religion For Dummies

Judaism For Dummies

The Second Jewish Book of why

The Big Jewish Book for Jews

You'll find everything you need to know about being Jewish in this indispensable, revised and updated guide to the religious traditions, everyday practices, philosophical beliefs, and historical foundations of Judaism. What happens at a synagogue service? What are the rules for keeping kosher? How do I light the Hanukah candles? What is in the Hebrew Bible? What do the Jewish holidays signify? What should I be teaching my children about being Jewish? With the first edition of *Essential Judaism*, George Robinson offered the world the accessible compendium that he sought when he rediscovered his Jewish identity as an adult. In his "ambitious and all-inclusive" (*New York Times Book Review*) guide, Robinson illuminates the Jewish life cycle at every stage and lays out many fascinating aspects of the religion—the Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism, the evolution of Hasidism, and much more—while keeping a firm focus on the different paths to living a good Jewish life in today's world. Now, a decade and a half later, Robinson has updated this valuable introductory text with information on topics including denominational shifts, same-sex marriage, the intermarriage debate, transgender Jews, the growth of anti-Semitism, and the changing role of women in worship, along with many other hotly debated topics in the contemporary Jewish world and beyond. The perfect gift for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or anyone thinking

about conversion—this is the ultimate companion for anyone interested in learning more about Judaism, the kind of book its readers will revisit over and over for years to come.

Your hands-on guide to this widely practiced and ancient religion Buddhism, one of the world's most widely practiced religions, is a fascinating yet complex eastern religion that is rapidly spreading throughout western civilization. What does it mean to be a Buddhist? What are the fundamental beliefs and history behind this religion? Buddhism For Dummies explores these questions and more in this updated guide to Buddhist culture. You'll gain an understanding of the origins of this ancient practice and how they're currently applied to everyday life. Whether you're a searcher of truth, a student of religions, or just curious about what makes Buddhism such a widely practiced religion, this guide is for you. In plain English, it defines the important terms, explains the key concepts, and explores in-depth a wide range of fascinating topics. New and expanded coverage on all the schools of Buddhism, including Theravada, Tibetan, and Mahayana The continuing relevance of the Dalai Lama Updated coverage on daily observances, celebrations, styles, practices, meditation, and more Continuing the Dummies tradition of making the world's religions engaging and accessible to everyone, Buddhism For Dummies is your essential guide to this fascinating religion. Buddhism For Dummies (9781119643265) was previously published as Buddhism For Dummies (9781118023792). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

Judaism isn't a race or even a particular culture or ethnic group. There are about 13 or 14 million Jews spread around the world, including about 6 million in the United States and about 5 million in Israel — so Judaism clearly isn't —a nation. So what does it mean to be Jewish? Here are the basics: Being Jewish (being —a Jew—) means you're a Member of the Tribe (an M-O-T). The tribe started with a couple named Abraham and Sarah about 4,000 years ago, it grew over time, and it's still here today. You can become part of the Jewish tribe in two ways: By being born to a Jewish mother or joining through a series of rituals (called converting). Judaism is a set of beliefs, practices, and ethics based on the Torah. You can practice Judaism and not be Jewish, and you can be a Jew and not practice Judaism. Whether you're interested in the religion or the spirituality, the culture or the ethnic traditions, Judaism For Dummies explores the full spectrum of Judaism, dipping into the mystical, meditative, and spiritual depth of the faith and the practice. In this warm and welcoming book, you'll find coverage of Orthodox Jews and breakaway denominations Judaism as a daily practice The food and fabric of Judaism Jewish wedding ceremonies Celebrations and holy days 4,000 years of pain, sadness, triumph, and joy Great Jewish thinkers and historical celebrities Jews have long spread out to the corners of the world, so there are significant Jewish communities on many continents. Judaism For Dummies offers a glimpse into the rituals,

ideas, and terms that are woven into the history and everyday lives of Jewish people as near as our own neighborhoods and as far-reaching as across the world.

The Jewish Book of Why has sold more than three million copies to date and has been translated into several languages. In this bestseller turned Miniature Edition, scholar Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch explains the significance and origin of nearly every symbol and practice known to Jewish culture. It's an essential guide for both Jews and non-Jews alike, and will answer a wide spectrum of questions on every aspect of Jewish custom, tradition, and life.

A Short History

Religion For Dummies

A Beginner's Guide to the Hidden Wisdom

Choosing a Jewish Life

Everything You Need to Know About: Jewish Religion; Jewish Culture; and the Process of Converting to Judaism ( How to Become a Jew )

**As a youth, the author, who had two Jewish grandparents, was defined as a Jew by Vichy France; his parents, however, refused to register the family as Jews. (In March 1944 Corcos and his brother fled to Spain and joined the Allied Forces in North Africa.) States that antisemites consider Jewishness to be inherited and to embody inferior, evil traits. This view is based on two false biological premises: that there are pure races of humans, and that some races are superior to others. Rejects these premises by considering modern biology and Jewish history. The latter indicates that the Jews cannot be a race, due to their lack of sexual isolation; diversity among Jews is a result of both intermarriage and proselytism. Sees the Spanish "limpieza de sangre" statutes and the Inquisition as precursors of Nazi racism. Observes that sometimes Jews have joined antisemites in accepting biological determinism. Intermarriage in countries such as China, India, and the USA has led to considerable biological diversity among Jews and to the reduction of diversity between Jews and non-Jews, if such diversity existed at all. Stresses that if antisemites have worried about "contamination" of their "race" by the Jews they have already missed the boat since Jews have mixed with non-Jews for many centuries. This collection of all new essays will explore the complex and unstable articulations of race and religion that have helped to produce "Black," "White," "Creole," "Indian," "Asian," and other racialized identities and communities in the Americas. Drawing on original research in a**

range of disciplines, the authors will investigate: 1) how the intertwined categories of race and religion have defined, and been defined by, global relations of power and inequality; 2) how racial and religious identities shape the everyday lives of individuals and communities; and 3) how racialized and marginalized communities use religion and religious discourses to contest the persistent power of racism in societies structured by inequality. Taken together, these essays will define a new standard of critical conversation on race and religion throughout the Americas.

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From the best-selling author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People, an illuminating book about fear—and what we can do to overcome it. An inescapable component of our lives, fear comes in many guises. In uncertain times, coping with these fears can be especially challenging, but in this indispensable book, Harold S. Kushner teaches us to confront, master, and even embrace

**fear for a more fulfilling life. Drawing on the teachings of religious and secular literature and on the true stories of people who have faced their fears, we are again inspired by Kushner's wisdom, at once deeply spiritual and eminently practical.**

**A Complete Guide to Beliefs, Customs & Rituals**

**The Bible For Dummies**

**Understanding Judaism**

**The Koran For Dummies**

**Maimonides and the Book That Changed Judaism**

**The Jewish Book of Why**

*A guide to the rules and rituals of converting to Judaism includes advice on such issues as dealing with family, choosing a synagogue, and selecting a Hebrew name*

*Gain a better understanding of the Kabbalah path to spiritual transformation and a deeper connection with the Jewish faith Coming from the Hebrew root that means "to receive," Kabbalah is known as the "inner" or "esoteric" dimension of Judaism. Kabbalah for Beginners is your introduction to a great spiritual tradition that will help you deepen your experience of the Divine through Kabbalistic portals into the Eternal Present. Divided into four categories: theosophical, ecstatic, Hasidic, and contemporary, this book explores everything including ancient concepts, core teachings, practices and traditions, and even misconceptions of Kabbalah. Written in a contemporary tone and point of view, this beginner's guide brings this ancient discipline into the here and now. In Kabbalah for Beginners you'll find: God is existence--The Kabbalist method is that God is not a being, not even the most supreme being, but is rather Being itself. What is Kabbalah--Get inspired by interspersed quotes from the Torah and frequent sidebars that highlight the Kabbalah's relevance to readers' experiences. Spirituality simplified--Learn through a clear straightforward language to bring intuitiveness to deep philosophical concepts. Discover a contemporary guide to this ancient wisdom and move toward spiritual transformation.*

*Understand the beliefs, customs, and rituals of each faith The fun and easy way to know the common elements of these widespread religions Want to know more about the faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam? This plain-English guide traces their evolution from their common origin - Abraham - and explains their different, yet linked, beliefs. You'll see how each religion developed, endured setbacks, and became a fixture in modern society - and you'll learn how members have developed similar approaches to worship. Discover: How the belief in one God originated The roots of Abraham's family tree The sacred texts of each faith Major similarities and differences How these*

*religions influenced the world*

*Why are so many Jews Successful Investors that Accumulate Massive Wealth? Jews are known to be the most successful and best performing hedge-fund managers, investors, and traders in the world. Out of the best 25 money managers since the advent of American Capitalism, 17 are Jewish! Some of those in the top 25 are very famous: George Soros, Steven Cohen, James Simon, David Tepper, John Paulson, Carl Icahn, Daniel Loeb, Leon Cooperman, Israel Englander, David Einhorn, Seth Klarman, and Bruce Kovner. Groundbreaking research has found that one of the key components to the success of the Jews is their religion-Judaism. The Tanakh, a Jewish religious text, contains codes and messages secretly hidden within its pages-decoded by the Talmud, it offers practical guidance that can be applied to your investing and business practices. The Investment Code contains the time-tested secret wisdom found in the Tanakh that has worked to help the Jews accumulate wealth generation after generation. It can be applied by anyone today to attain wealth through wise investing practices.*

*Buddhism For Dummies*

*Kabbalah For Dummies*

*Essential Judaism: Updated Edition*

*The Torah For Dummies*

*Hebrew For Dummies*

*The Jewish Book of Why--The Torah*

**There are more than one billion Catholics in the world, and each one has a similar set of basic beliefs and practices that he or she follows. Some of the teachings of Catholicism are thousands of years old, while others are more recent. So what is the Catholic culture like and what do they believe? Catholicism For Dummies answers these and many other questions. Whether you're a Catholic or not, you may be totally clueless or just unaware of some aspects of Catholic traditions, history, doctrine, worship, devotion, or culture. No sweat. Regardless of whether you're engaged, married, related to a Catholic, or just curious about what Catholics really do believe, this book is for you. Catholicism For Dummies is not a catechism or religious textbook, but a casual, down-to-earth introduction for non-Catholics and reintroduction for Catholics. It gives commonsense explanations so that the next time you're invited to a Catholic wedding, Baptism, funeral, Confirmation, or First Communion, you won't be totally confused. You'll also discover other important topics that can help you better understand the Catholic culture—from morality and devotions to worship and liturgy. This book will familiarize you with Catholicism by showing you: What it means to be a Catholic: traditions, prayers, beliefs, and holidays Who is who in the Catholic hierarchy How Catholics worship What the Seven Sacraments and Ten Commandments are The book regarded as the holiest to Catholics: The Bible The Church's stand on some sticky issues Catholicism For Dummies presents a rich tapestry and history of the Catholic faith—from devotions to doctrines. This intelligent and faithful look at Catholicism will open your eyes to this religion and answer many of the questions you may have about it.**

**This clear and comprehensive study of the long history of the Jewish people covers all the key issues, from the experiences of exile to the challenge**

**of feminism and the split between Orthodox and non-Orthodox.**

**Gateway to Judaism is an insider's engaging look at the mindset, values, and practices of Judaism in the 21st century. As a senior lecturer and outreach expert with Gateways Seminars, Rabbi Mordechai Becher has helped thousands of people reconnect with the beauty, wisdom and relevance of their Jewish heritage. Often asked to recommend "just one book" that would explain the essentials of Jewish life and thought, he decided to write it himself! Delving beneath common perceptions of Jewish tradition, Rabbi Becher presents fresh and meaningful perspectives that will educate and inspire you. Among the many intriguing topics he addresses are: Is there spirituality in Judaism? In our age of labor-saving devices, do we still need a Sabbath? What is Judaism's view on death and the afterlife? Why is Judaism so full of laws? Why should I pray? Does God really want to hear my complaints? Can Judaism enhance my marriage? Isn't circumcision just an ancient rite of initiation? Is it still relevant? Why is Israel so central to Judaism? Does a religion need a land? Why does a mourner say Kaddish? Wasn't keeping kosher a health measure? Does it still have a purpose today? How can I add meaning to my Passover Seder? Gateway to Judaism reveals Judaism's power to elevate your life. Whether you are new to Jewish tradition, familiar with its practice, or simply curious, you will find this book an illuminating guide to a joyous and fulfilling lifestyle. -- from dust cover.**

**Many non-Muslims have no idea that Muslims worship the same God as Christians and Jews, and that Islam preaches compassion, charity, humility, and the brotherhood of man. And the similarities don't end there. According to Islamic teaching, Muhammad founded Islam in 610 CE after the angel Gabriel appeared to him at Mecca and told him that God had entered him among the ranks of such great biblical prophets as Abraham, Moses, and Christ. Whether you live or work alongside Muslims and want to relate to them better, or you simply want to gain a better understanding of the world's second largest religion, Islam For Dummies can help you make sense of this religion and its appeal. From the Qur'an to Ramadan, this friendly guide introduces you to the origins, practices and beliefs of Islam, including: Muhammad, the man and the legend The Five Pillars of Wisdom The Five Essentials beliefs of Islam The different branches of Islam and Islamic sects The Qur'an and Islamic law Islam throughout history and its impact around the world Professor Malcolm Clark explores the roots of Islam, how it has developed over the centuries, and it's long and complex relationship with Christianity. He helps puts Islam in perspective as a major cultural and geopolitical force. And he provided helpful insights into, among other things: Muhammad, the Qur'an and the ethical teachings of Islam Muslim worship, customs, and rituals surrounding birth, marriage, and death Shi'ites, Sunnis, Sufis, Druze, and other important Muslim groups Islam in relation to Judaism and Christianity In these troubled times, it is important that we try to understand the belief systems of others, for through understanding comes peace. Islam For Dummies helps you build bridges of understanding between you and your neighbors in the global village. Islam For Dummies (9781119642978) was previously published as Islam For Dummies (9780764555039). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.**

**Everything You Need to Know to Be a Really Jewish Jew**

**Race, Nation, and Religion in the Americas**

**A Quick Immersion**

**The Complete Guide to Jewish Belief, Tradition, and Practice**

**The Myth of the Jewish Race**

**The Jewish Phenomenon**

The Bible For Dummies (9781119293507) was previously published as The Bible For Dummies (9780764552960). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product. Discover the world's all-time bestseller in an entirely new light. Ninety percent of Americans own a copy of the Bible, and while it's the most widely read book, it's also the least understood. Regardless of your religion, understanding the Bible brings much of Western art, literature, and public discourse into greater focus—from Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" painting to the Wachowski brothers' The Matrix movies. People have historically turned to religion to deal with tragedy and change, and with the right insight, the Bible can be an accessible, helpful guide to life's big questions. The Bible For Dummies appeals to people of all faiths, as well as those who don't practice any particular religion, by providing interfaith coverage of the entire Bible and the often fascinating background information that makes the Bible come alive. You'll find answers to such questions as: Where did the Bible come from? Who wrote the Bible? How is the Bible put together? Follow the history of the Bible from its beginning thousands of years ago as tattered scrolls to its status as the bestseller of all time. The Bible For Dummies covers these topics and more: Ten people in the Bible you should know The Hebrew Bible The Apocrypha's hidden treasures What's new about the New Testament Israel's wisdom, literature, and love poetry The Bible's enduring influence The prophets: more than fortunetellers Whether you're interested in broadening your spiritual horizons, uncovering the symbolism of Western culture, or gaining a deeper understanding of the book you grew up reading, The Bible For Dummies has all the information you need to navigate this ancient and fascinating book.

Grasp the beliefs and practices about one of the world's oldest religions Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies is your all-inclusive guide to the Catholic Church and its billions of followers. You'll learn how Catholicism came to be, how it's practiced, and where it stands socially and politically as you explore the rich history and diverse culture surrounding this major religion. Clear, friendly writing takes you inside a mass to understand what happens there, and walks you through a tour of the saints, holidays, the Bible, and the Vatican. Special coverage includes the role of women in the Church and in the Bible, and the tremendous popularity of Pope Francis, who has quickly become one of the Vatican's most-loved leaders. You'll dive into the beliefs and practices of Catholicism and get answers to the most common, confusing, controversial, and worrisome questions. Catholicism is quickly expanding beyond its 1.2 billion followers, with growing numbers of priests and new baptisms every year. Attendance at papal events has tripled to 6.6 million since Pope Francis' election in 2013, and Catholicism has become the largest religious denomination on the planet by a wide margin. This book explains what makes Catholicism so alluring, giving you insight into the religion and everything it entails. Discover the complicated history of the Catholic church Understand what goes on at mass,

and why Learn where the Church stands on important issues Explore Pope Francis's unprecedented popularity across cultures The Catholic Church has been reinvigorated and revitalized with the enthusiasm surrounding Pope Francis, and his openness to the world and everyone in it. If your curiosity has been piqued, Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies is the ideal guide to learning what it's all about.

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What does the Torah say that makes it relevant to today? How can we understand the mitzvos? Why should I believe? Why be Jewish? What does a Jew have to do? Is science an enemy of Judaism? JEP has answers. For decades, the Jewish Education Prog

Or 30 Questions Your Rabbi Never Answered

A Basic Guide to Jewish Faith, History, and Practice

Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies

Kabbalah for Beginners

Living Judaism

The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Talmud

One of the most amazing things about Hebrew is that, in less than a century, it has gone from an ancient language of prayer and ritual spoken by a few holy men to a modern language of sunbathing, dining, going to the movies, and

countless other everyday activities, spoken by millions. Modern Hebrew is a beautiful language, but for a native English speaker it can be tough wrapping your tongue around exotic expressions like “ Ha ’ im Ayn Oogiyot? ” ( “ What, no cookies? ” ). As with any language, the quickest way to master Hebrew basics is to immerse yourself in its sounds and rhythms. The next best thing to six months in Haifa, Hebrew For Dummies lets you do just that! Whether you want to communicate with your Israeli cousins, understand Jewish prayers and sacred literature, impress your Jewish in-laws, or you ’ re planning a trip to Israel, this book/audio package can help. In no time, you ’ ll: Master Hebrew sounds and rhythms Understand basic grammar and usage Get a handle on the Hebrew alphabet Make small-talk, and most everyday transactions Discover the basics of Hebrew blessings and prayer Gain insights into Hebrew culture and traditions Each chapter of Hebrew For Dummies is organized around a specific set of activities—such as eating, traveling, shopping, and asking directions—and gives you the lowdown on all the Hebrew you ’ ll need to get by. Topics covered include: Eating, going shopping, having fun, sports, hobbies, talking on the phone, communicating around the office, and other everyday activities Hebrew for travelers, including transportation, hotels, money changing, asking directions, and handling emergencies Sacred Hebrew, including reading the Bible and prayer books, blessing formulas, sacred rites and services, and more The enclosed audio CD let ’ s you pick up Hebrew the easy way—through actual conversations. It features: Dialogues by native Hebrew speakers Answers to the Fun & Games activities in the book The fun, easy way to master basic Hebrew, this book will quickly get you on track with the language skills you need to speak and read Hebrew like a native.

A hilarious compendium of traditional wisdom, recipes, and lore from the authors of the bestselling Yiddish with Dick and Jane. Modern Jews have forgotten cherished traditions and become, sadly, all- too assimilated. It's enough to make you meshugeneh. Today's Jews need to relearn the old ways so that cultural identity means something other than laughing knowingly at Curb Your Enthusiasm- and The Big Jewish Book for Jews is here to help. This wise and wise-cracking fully-illustrated book offers invaluable instruction on everything from how to sacrifice a lamb unto the lord to the rules of Mahjong. Jews of all ages and backgrounds will welcome the opportunity to be the Jewiest Jew of all, and reconnect to ancestors going all the way back to Moses and a time when God was the only GPS a Jew needed.

Why are we here? How should we live? What happens after we die? Why does evil exist? Religion For Dummies explains how the world ’ s great religions answer questions that persist through generations. Authors Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman are trusted religious advisors known as the God Squad. With wonderful wit and incredible wisdom, they host a daily talk show which reaches nearly 4 million homes in the New York area, and have appeared on numerous TV and radio shows. This book is not a scholarly theological treatise; it ’ s a lively, practical, hands-

on resource that will help you better understand your own religion and others. You ' ll explore: Religion's role in the family and in the workplace The beliefs and practices of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and other religions Religion's impact during major passages in life such as birth, death, and marriage How to join a religion and how to pray How religion can help you deal with issues in every day life such as conflict, adversity, marriage, divorce, and more Religious rituals and ethics Religion for Dummies touches on lesser-known religions (such as, Zoroastrianism, Jainism, Sikhism). It explores how people of various faiths pray, celebrate life and death, and view moral issues. The book does not tell you what to believe, but rather encourages you to live as you believe and let your religion infuse every aspect of your life. It doesn ' t give simple answers to haunting, complex questions; it helps you find your own answers and pursue your own spiritual path!

With truly startling statistics and a wealth of anecdotes, Silbiger reveals the cultural principles that form the bedrock of Jewish success in America.

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Islam For Dummies

Catholicism For Dummies

"What Steph Curry is to the three-pointer, Avram Mlotek is to rabbi-ing. Let him—and this book—be your guide to a deeper understanding—Bari Weiss, author of How to Fight Anti-Semitism When the subject of religion comes up, people often get very shy and worry about there was a book that covered all the nooks and crannies of a religion, written in an easily digestible way. Well, now there is! Written by Mlotek, Why Jews Do That is a terrific look into the Jewish religion that answers the tough questions. But this isn't just for the Jews because you're Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or the like, doesn't mean you can't enjoy an inside look to find out if Jews believe in J really is, and how we keep our yarmulkes secured to our heads. So have no fear, as Jews are here to help! Some of the questions answered include: What's with Jews and candles? Do Jews have confession like Catholics? Why are Jews obsessed with food? Is sex kosher? Why And much more! So whether you're a devout follower, a casual observer, someone marrying into the faith, or just interested in buffing up your knowledge, Rabbi Mlotek will guide you through the challah, mitzvahs, and shiksas that make Jewish life so...lively.

Kabbalah For Dummies presents a balanced perspective of Kabbalah as an "umbrella" for a complex assemblage of mystical Jewish teachings and codification techniques. Kabbalah For Dummies also shows how Kabbalah simultaneously presents an approach to the study of text, the practice of ritual and the experience of worship, as well as how the reader can apply its teaching to everyday life.

The Kabbalist Rabbi Laitman, who was the student and personal assistant to Rabbi Baruch Ashlag from 1979-1991, follows in the footsteps of his teacher, passing on the wisdom of Kabbalah to the world. This book is based on sources that were passed down by Rabbi Baruch's father, Rabbi Shimon (Baal HaSulam), the author of 'the Sulam', the commentaries on The Book of Zohar, who continued the ways of the Ari and Rabbi Shimon, many great Kabbalists throughout the generations before them. The goal of this book is to assist individuals in confronting the first steps

realm. This unique method of study, which encourages sharing this wisdom with others, not only helps overcome the trials and tribulations but initiates a process in which individuals extend themselves beyond the standard limitations of today's world.