

# Online Sources to Find (New) Jewish Books and Reviews

## Top 5 Sites, Social Sites, Journals

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### Top 5 Sites

- **Amazon**

Largest online bookstore, with lots of reviews by readers. Quality of reviews varies, but good place to find out about new books. This link will take you to books published in the last 90 days that have an average of four or more stars (out of five):

<http://bit.ly/JewishBooks>

- **Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) Reviews**

Bi-monthly publication with reviews written by librarians. Latest issue is available only for members, but older issues are free.

[http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=AJL\\_News\\_\\_AJL\\_Review\\_Archive](http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=AJL_News__AJL_Review_Archive)

- **Jewish Book Council**

Thousands of searchable reviews, active social media presence (Facebook Twitter, Pinterest), weekly newsletter

<http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/books/>

- **Jewish Review of Books**

"A quarterly print publication with an active online presence for serious readers with Jewish interests. In our pages, leading writers and scholars discuss the newest books and ideas about religion, literature..." Most articles are for subscribers, but older issues are free.

<https://jewishreviewofbooks.com/>

- **Tablet Magazine's Books section**

"A daily online magazine of Jewish news, ideas, and culture."

<http://tabletmag.com/category/jewish-arts-and-culture/books>

### Social Sites

- **Facebook's Jewish Books group**

Authors and publishers post announcements of new books to a group of 1388 people

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8107351995/>

- **GoodReads' Jewish Historical Fiction group**

"GoodReads is the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations." This group, with 338 members, has an active "recommendation discussion thread"

<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/6449-jewish-historical-fiction>

- **Jewish Book Carnival**

"A monthly event where bloggers can meet, read and comment on each others' posts."

[http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=Jewish\\_Book\\_Carnival\\_HQ](http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=Jewish_Book_Carnival_HQ)

Its GoodReads group <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/34560-jewish-book-carnival>

- **LibraryThing's Jewish Bibliophiles group**

"LibraryThing is an online service to help people catalog their books easily" The goal of this group, with 177 members, is "to discuss all things Jewish, literary, or both"

<https://www.librarything.com/groups/jewishbibliophiles>

## Journals

If you have access to online catalogs of academic journals you can find quality review in these journals. Table of contents (and often first page of reviews) are free to the public at Project Muse ( <http://muse.jhu.edu/> ) and/or JSTOR ( <http://www.jstor.org/> )

- **AJS (Association for Jewish Studies) Review**  
“Scholarly articles and book reviews covering the field of Jewish Studies”  
<http://www.ajsnet.org/ajsreview.htm>
- **Aleph** by Indiana University Press  
“Devoted to the exploration of the interface between Judaism and science in history”  
<http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=aleph>
- **American Jewish History** by The Johns Hopkins University Press  
“Bringing readers all the richness and complexity of Jewish life in America”  
[http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/american\\_jewish\\_history/](http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/american_jewish_history/)
- **Conservative Judaism** by the Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary  
“Articles which express a serious, critical inquiry of Jewish texts and traditions, legacy, and law”  
<http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/resources-ideas/cj-journal>
- **The Jewish Quarterly Review** by University of Pennsylvania Press  
“Regularly features review essays and book forums”  
<http://jqr.pennpress.org/home/>
- **Journal of Jewish Identities**  
“Empirical and theoretical articles, documents, an occasional debate section, as well as review essays and book reviews.”  
<http://www.jewishidentities.org/>
- **Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues**  
“A joint publication of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute at Brandeis University, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, and Indiana University Press”  
<http://www.brandeis.edu/hbi/publications/nashim.html>  
<http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=nashim>
- **Philip Roth Studies** by Purdue University Press  
“Writings pertaining entirely or in part to Philip Roth, his fiction, and his literary and cultural significance”  
<http://www.thepress.purdue.edu/journals/prs>
- **Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies** by Purdue University Press  
“Original, scholarly work and reviews a wide range of recent books in Judaica”  
<http://www.thepress.purdue.edu/journals/shofar>
- **Studies in American Jewish Literature** by Penn State University Press  
“Dedicated to publishing work analyzing the place, representation, and circulation of Jews and Jewishness in American literatures”  
[http://www.psupress.org/journals/jnls\\_sajl.html](http://www.psupress.org/journals/jnls_sajl.html)
- **Tikkun** by Duke University Press  
“Offers analysis and commentary that strive to bridge the cultural divide between religious and secular progressives.”  
<https://www.dukeupress.edu/Tikkun/>