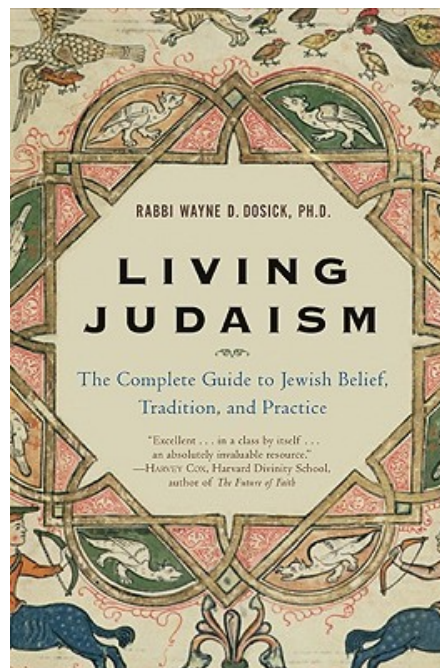




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In *Living Judaism*, Rabbi Wayne Dosick, Ph.D., author of the acclaimed *Golden Rules*, *Dancing with God*, and *When Life Hurts*, offers an engaging and definitive overview of Jewish philosophy and theology, rituals and customs. Combining quality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

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Candace Archuleta says

after living with the product of an orthodox jewish synagogue for a few years, i think this is a fairly informative read about jewish culture. not all-encompassing, obviously, but informative nonetheless.

Paul says

I liked it. Clearly Rabbi Dosick is passionate about Judaism and is deeply faithful. Having read a number of other books about Judaism, mostly by Rabbi Kushner, this was a nice change in voice for me. I have a greater understanding of what it means to pray as a Jew because, as another reviewer has pointed out, Dosick spends a lot of time on prayer and connectedness with God. As a book for a person wanting to learn more about Judaism, I would say it is for a more serious minded person. This is not Jews for Dummies or or Judaism for Christians. As someone converting to Judaism, I would say the book is good for a convert or for a Jew trying to find meaning in his or her faith. That said, it is imminently readable and is not the Talmud or anything. It just isn't a compare and contrast book (i.e. Jews and Christians, or Jews and Hindus) and it isn't trying to be an objective report on Judaism. It was, after all, written by a Rabbi. I realize that I am writing in response to another review, but I just wonder if someone read a book called Living Christianity and would be surprised or irritated by the "prayerful" parts in that book. It is a religious book, after all.

Jeanne Lambrianou says

Best and fullest explanation of Judaism

Rabbi Dosick has done a wonderful, detailed job of explaining the holy books, rituals, holidays, history of the Jews. I have a much better idea now of what Jews believe and why. I know where the major personalities fit into the cultural timeline. I have much more fellow-feeling for the Jews, thank you, Rabbi. I had wanted to better understand Christ, as a Jew - and I feel I do now.

Dora J says

An enjoyable and informative book on Judaism. Dosick writes about the traditions and how they came about and developed over the years. This is one of those books that a person may find themselves referencing over the years for information. Definitely one that I may end up rereading at some point in the future.

Heidi says

Broadening my spiritual spectrum.

Raine Mclellan says

I am using this book as textbook for conversion classes. It is very informative, and basic just as it should be. I love the way that it meticulously presents subjects from the various viewpoints, and allows the room for the reader to form his or her own opinions. Good read.

βαβυλ?ν says

A wonderful but cursory introduction to Judaism. More thorough research would be necessary for the serious student or potential convert. Still, very informative and basically no anti-Palestinian/Zionist rhetoric

Marit says

This book was a good primer on the basic tenets of Judaism, history, practices, peoples, etc. but it felt very plain to me. Dosick delved into several subjects, acknowledging his very personal take on issues such as the Holocaust, prayer, the afterlife, and more. Though well-meaning and heartfelt, his intense, prayerful rhetoric turned me off at certain points. But this is an easy read and does cover the basics well.

Shannon Duran says

very informative book, i am in the process of converting to judasim and this was the first book i was given to read by my rabbi. some parts were very interesting and others were very dry. However if you don't know any thing about judasim this is a great book to read. It left me with lots of questions for my rabbi which was the point. I would definetly recommend this book, but its a scholarly work not really for casual reading. there were so funny antidoes and interesting jewish legends along the way.

Michelle says

Very informative--answered a lot of questions I had and things I had wondered about. And very gentle tone--the author seemed to be not trying to enrage any segment of the Jewish population, just trying to describe beliefs and different approaches taken.

Gretchen says

This is a balanced, fairly objective, highly accessible introduction to Judaism. Dosick has a gift for explanation to the uninitiated. It covers a lot of ground in 376 pages. The book is used by some classes for people considering converting. Judaism is a law-oriented and intellectual religion rooted in deep history. Its sense of humanity and its stewardship of the environment are reflected in many of its laws. I was surprised to

find the book rather somber, and couldn't sort out why I reacted that way.

Emma says

I'm sure I can't really give this a fair rating because I found much of it fairly dull, but only because I knew it already. It was worth reading for the bits I didn't know, though, and offers some really interesting perspectives.

Aidan says

Rabbi Dosick does a great job of explaining Judaism and Jewish practices as well as how they vary among different Jewish movements. It took me a little while to get used to his voice, but once I did I found this to be a very useful and engaging guide to Judaism. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is new to Judaism, is considering converting to Judaism, or is just curious about what it means to be Jewish.

Kaiti says

Okay. I disagreed with some parts, found some parts dubious, really enjoyed other parts, and found some of it quite helpful.

Samira says

I read chunks of this book slowly, in a group. Some of Dosick's insights are really interesting and I liked his approach to aspects of the law, even if I disagree with some of his underlying logic. That said, he can be very morally superior about other religions (usually, when he says "other religions" he means Christianity) in ways that highly over simplify Christian belief, practice, and diversity.
