



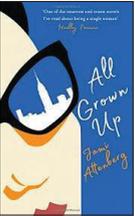
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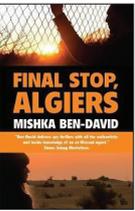
## FICTION



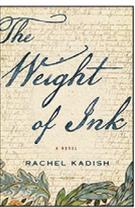
**WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES** by GEORGIA HUNTER. The author was 15 when she discovered the truth about her family and this novel is their profoundly moving testament. From 1939, the cultured Polish Kurc family desperately tried to navigate their own paths to safety, one in exile, another fleeing the continent while others were in ghetto factories or went into hiding as gentiles.



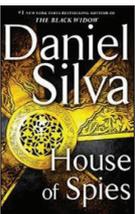
**ALL GROWN UP** by JAMI ATTENBERG. In this novel, Attenberg introduces Andrea Bern, a 39-year-old single woman who defies convention. Told in honest vignettes she touches on friendship, family, sex, and ambition. Along the way, we glimpse into her bohemian childhood. The reader will love her hilarious text: "My mother is trying to murder me with her emotions. Please send help."



**FINAL STOP, ALGIERS** by MISHKA BEN-DAVID. This thrilling spy novel was written by an ex-Mossad agent. Mickey Simhoni loses his girlfriend in a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv and he is approached by the Mossad and co-opted to put a stop to Iran's nuclear project. He works undercover using the identity of a Canadian who looks like him and was supposedly found dead by Bedouin in the Sinai.



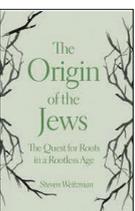
**THE WEIGHT OF INK** by RACHEL KADISH. A sophisticated work, rich in imagery about two women — Ester Velasquez, a refugee from the Inquisition in the 1660's who secretly scribes for a blind rabbi in London and Helen Watt, a historian of Jewish history. Helen was asked to view a cache of documents dating to the seventeenth century and to identify the elusive scribe 'Aleph'.



**JEWISH MOTHERS NEVER DIE** by NATALIE DAVID-WEILL. Following a fatal car accident, Rebecca Rosenthal finds herself in heaven amidst the mothers of some of the illustrious Jewish men in history—Albert Einstein, Marcel Proust, Sigmund Freud, Woody Allen, the Marx brothers. Each one charmingly insists on being the *raison d'être* behind their unique son's success in life.

**HOUSE OF SPIES** by DANIEL SILVA. Gabriel Allon needs to track down the notorious Saladin who masterminded a devastating ISIS attack which killed hundreds in the West End of London. He travels from Britain to Saint-Tropez and Morocco enlisting a French entrepreneur and a beautiful fashion model. A chilling glimpse inside terror networks from this gifted espionage writer.

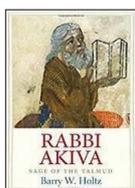
## JEWISH INTEREST



**THE ORIGIN OF JEWS** by STEVEN WEITZMAN. The author, a professor of Hebrew and Semitic languages, critically reviews ancient and modern theories about Jewish origins. He begins with biblical narrators and the history of Judaism concluding with modern genealogists searching for the elusive "Jewish gene". The book suggests that people seek their ancestry and genetic makeup.



**NUMBERS: THE WILDERNESS YEARS** by RABBI JONATHAN SACKS. As in his three other Torah commentaries, Rabbi Sacks has left no stone unturned. Numbers sets out warnings that there are no shortcuts to freedom and that we need to pass tests to reach our goal. So the long journey to the Promised Land is also a moral, psychological and spiritual one to prepare for future change.

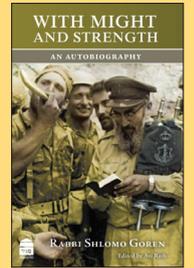


**RABBI AKIVA: Sage of the Talmud** by BARRY W. HOLTZ. Drawing on the latest historical and literary scholarship, Barry Holtz has fashioned a biography of Talmudic hero Rabbi Akiva's life from the stories about him in the Midrashim to those in the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmud. This clear, as well as nuanced portrait is instructive for scholar and layperson alike.

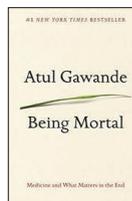
## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### WITH MIGHT AND STRENGTH By Rabbi Shlomo Goren

A spell-binding autobiography allowing us to glimpse into the mind of one of the most influential Israeli rabbis. In his early 30s, he became the first military Chief Rabbi and created a code of Jewish law for a modern army. Goren takes us through his many challenges from the founding of the Jewish state onwards.



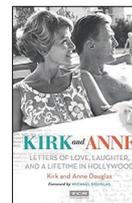
## MEDICINE & MORTALITY



**BEING MORTAL** by ATUL GAWANDE. Surgeon and New Yorker writer Gawande tackles the challenge of how medicine can not only improve life but the process of its ending. He states that the goals of medicine seem frequently counterproductive to the interest and dignity of the human spirit. Written with warmth and panache his book is a plea to accept our inevitable mortality.

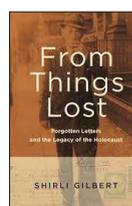


**THE TINCTURE OF TIME** by ELIZABETH SILVER. In this memoir, Silver chronicles her daughter Abby's first year after she has sudden seizures at six weeks. She looks for comfort by probing literature, religion and the practice of medicine through history. A heart-wrenching snapshot of a parent's struggle, life's precariousness and revealing that time is often the only cure.



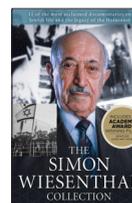
## BIOGRAPHY

**KIRK AND ANNE: Letters of Love, Laughter and a Lifetime in Hollywood** by KIRK AND ANNE DOUGLAS. In this book, film legend Kirk Douglas and his glamorous wife share their life lessons. It focuses on their intimate letters as well as their correspondence with other celebrities, friends, and world leaders. Complemented by photos from film sets, private moments and public events.



**FROM THINGS LOST** by SHIRLI GILBERT. Historian Gilbert takes the reader on a journey through the history of the Schwab family. Her story is based on Rudolf's letters which were discovered in a trunk in Johannesburg in 2009. Rudolf fled Nazi Germany and arrived in South Africa, one of the few countries where Jews could find refuge. The book highlights the trauma of those years.

## AWARD-WINNING DVDs



**NEW ON DVD FROM THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER:**

**AGAINST THE TIDE** (Narrated by Dustin Hoffman) — how Peter Bergson, a young American activist fought to save the Jewish refugees of Europe.

**BEAUTIFUL MUSIC** (Narrated by Brooke Shields) — the special relationship between an Orthodox Jewish music teacher and her blind, autistic Palestinian pupil.

**EVER AGAIN** (Narrated by Kevin Costner) — examines the resurgence of violent anti-Semitism in Europe.

**IN SEARCH OF PEACE** (Narrated by Michael Douglas) — on the origins of the Middle East conflict.

**IT IS NO DREAM: The Life of Theodor Herzl** (Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley and Christoph Waltz).

**UNLIKELY HEROES** (Narrated by Ben Kingsley) — Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

**WINSTON CHURCHILL: Walking with Destiny** (Narrated by Ben Kingsley).