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Jewish History and Jewish Memory



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Synopsis

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award for History. This book discusses the troubling and possibly irreconcilable split between Jewish memory and Jewish historiography. The book is published by University of Washington Press.

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This book is not easy reading to be sure. However, it was worth slugging away at it all the way to its conclusion. It provides some explanations for why the Jewish People have until recently not really sensed a need for legitimate historiography. The final section concerning "remembering vs. forgetting", has lessons for Humanity at large.

In the 30 years since Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi published his poignant and profound insight into the tension between history and sacred memory, it's hard to think of a more influential work by a Jewish historian. Or of one which so readily merits a re-reading by those who remember the impact it first made. As for those who aren't familiar with it, give yourself an intellectual treat-- a short study but one which --no pun intended-- you won't forget.

A hard read, but amazing. Plow through the first 20 pages and it gets easier to read.

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This beautiful treasure of a book illustrates how the Jewish people brought meaning to their history.

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