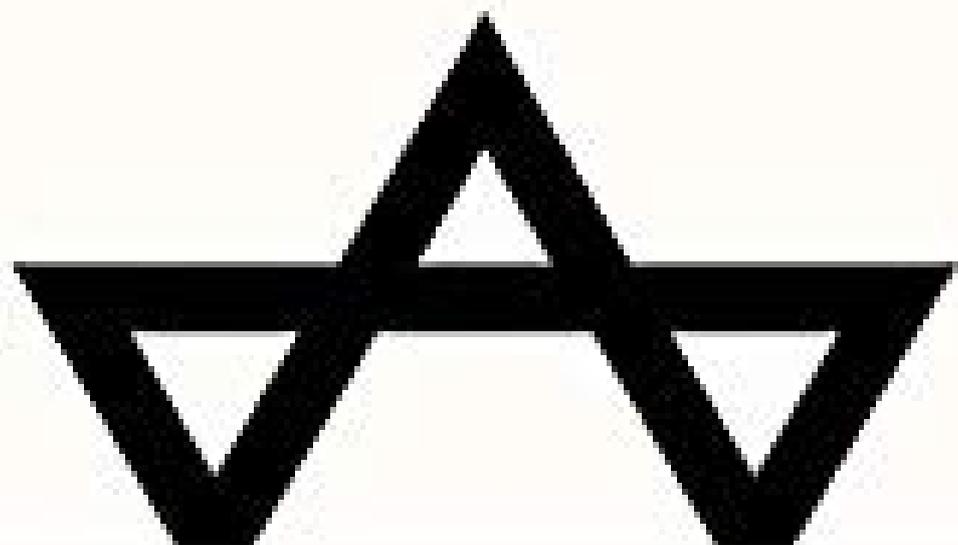


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What makes someone Jewish? in New Mexico and secluded ultra-devout Orthodox towns in upstate New York to a rare Classical Reform congregation in Kansas City, Ross tries to comprehend himself by experiencing the diversity of Judaism. Once there, his mom decided, for both personal and spiritual factors, to possess her family pretend not to be Jewish. He went to an Episcopal college, where he studied the brand new Testament, sang in the choir, and actually took Communion. Later on, as an adult, he wondered: Am I still Jewish? From "Seeking a remedy, Ross traveled around the united states also to Israel, visiting a multitude of Jewish communities. Crypto-Jews" Theodore Ross was nine years outdated when he moved with his mother from New York City to the Mississippi Gulf Coastline. is a tale about the universal battle to define a romantic relationship (or lack thereof) with religion. Quirky and self-conscious, introspective and impassioned, Am I a Jew?



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To Search and have Questions When Theodore Ross moved along with his mom and brother from New York to Mississippi, his mother decided (fearful of antisemitism) they should keep their Jewish background a key to the exterior world. I'm not Jewish, but We loved this publication. For me, a European secular Jew, this book was also interesting for its peek in to the diversity of Jewish culture and Judaism in the United States, and to see differences and similarities between Jewish culture in the US and here. To find answers, he travels through many American states and he makes a vacation to Israel. He check out 'Crypto-Jews' in New Mexico, watches a Sukkah building contest, appointments a Reform community, celebrates Shabbat with the Orthodox, goes to Jewish dating occasions and a good 'Jewish' burlesque show fond of secular Jewish youngsters, learns about the Beta Israel and Falash Muri communities in Israel, and in between these visits he also confronts his mom. Different facets

of Jewish identity are treated. Before I started reading this reserve I was a little afraid it could be a dull report on the standard types of Judaism, but Ross' genuine curiosity and curiosity and his lively and often very funny style of writing definitely make this book well worth reading. The question, as he explains close to the end of the book, is not actually whether he is Jewish, but what his Jewish background means to him and what he really wants to do with it. p.s. If the subject of American Judaism is normally of some interest to you, it really is worth reading. Primarily, though it's a touching and affecting story in regards to a man looking for a sense of background and community. I would've enjoyed to have seen more reporting in mainstream Jewish temples. He meets with Jews of vastly different hues. "Hmmmmmm. And fun to read! It would've added stability. But read this book. It's wonderful composing and storytelling. The writer might find some learning on lashon hara useful. I had always assumed that Judaism had not been evangelical, and was comprised of only a few converts. It was a revelation to see how many organizations there have been to accept new converts, and to increase religious participation in orthodox and more liberal expressions, including migration to Israel. Disrespectful and muddled By the center of the reserve, when he surely got to Kansas City, I was confused about his stage (Ross simply writes a number of often cruel vignettes, without attempt at contextualising them) & Fascinating and Fun Fascinating for all those, like me, who want in Jewish survival. While he doesn't quite find a perfect niche, Ross ultimately finds peace along with his own way of becoming Jewish. An beneficial and compelling browse. It was . My parents were initial generation Jewish Americans. That's, all of my grandparents came to this nation from Russia in the mass migration of the early 20th century. By enough time I came along, the majority of my grandparents acquired passed on and so an excessive amount of the bond to Judaism. I never doubted being Jewish however the insufficient observance of rituals, knowledge of the religious beliefs or information about my ancestry still left me with a sense of alienation. Therefore, I thought I'd feel Ross' discomfort. embarrassed, both for the writer and his subjects. You are not alone Have only read initial few chapters but reserve has shown me that it is Not by may nor simply by power but by the spirit may be the children of G-d returning and understanding who they are. Fascinating, provocative find out about one man's religious investigation Superbly written, Am I a Jew is part travelogue to particular Jewish homes, people and part memoir by a man struggling to define himself as a Jew. There will be the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico, competitive Sukkah builders of NY, Orthodox families from NY, Classical Reform of Kansas Town and the Ethiopian Jews of Israel. One might believe at least a half serious type of "the question" would entail some analysis of what do these people have in common. However, there is absolutely no such critical vein in Ross' publication. His observations of the groups seems less fueled by a longing to learn if he was a Jew as very much from a lingering disdain for the individuals who seem to have discovered their own response to the issue. There's a voyeuristic, discomfort free of charge quality to Ross' journey of self discovery. It was an interesting and mostly fun read. It might have been so much more. You probably need to be Jewish or a Sociologist or (even better) a Jewish Sociologist to find this interesting We actually found it to be a fascinating read. The writer is kind of like me, non observant, yet thinking about his inherited faith. He does indeed do a "cafeteria-style " journey through American Judaism. Ross discovers humor and pathos in his uprooting and difficulties the reader to follow his path of enlightenment. For all those without any knowledge of Jewish culture that is an accessible reserve, since he explains several Jewish terms and methods he encounters on his journeys. a coming of age story "Am I a Jew" reads simply because a modern coming old

tale, significant to Jews and non Jews as well. We are continuously bombarded with new situation in this age of rapid flux and relevance which make us issue our roots, no matter validity. The even more general question nowadays regarding where one suits is the basis for centering one's lifestyle goals and linking past-present-future right into a comprehensible understanding of our nature. The book is mainly entertaining and in parts nearly scholarly...or absence thereof. A riveting story for everybody who struggles with locating an identity that can be worn easily without guilt or shame (Jewish, anyone?). Years later on, Ross, now wedded and father, looks for his own Jewish identification. I began scanning this book based on scanning the first few pages."A Jewish mother moves her family members to the deep south and leaves her religious heritage behind? One rabbi was therefore odd and a caricature..As a secular person (like Ross) questioning identity and looking for spirituality and meaning this book was definitely interesting, I believe this aspect might also be interesting to a broader target audience. Things which were surely said in confidence, things which could be hurtful on the net, are spelled out.I was captured in Ross's wake seeing that his search for his Jewish identification becomes, seeing that the subtitle implies, an archetype. It really is an embarrassing diatribe and not worthy of a a good one star ranking. To summarize if you want to read about how awful Jews are this is actually the book for you personally.And, who knows? I would be Jewish in the end! Ross does an excellent job explaining Hebrew conditions and Jewish principles to the layman. I also thought I would experience the conflict he might have about seeking back to the club. And then we got to KC. interesting. What Kind of a Question is This?. The book falters by focusing therefore very much on extremes in Judaism. unpleasant and not illuminating reading. Great book about a journey As a non-jew but flattering myself that I was quite familiar with current Jewish lifestyle, this book was a revelation. Am I a jerk will be a better title This author's intention seems to have skirted the issue of finding his Jewish past.Ross's publication sweeps you along on this mythical "Hero's Journey" told once again by this modern day Odysseus. In fact as I read his observations when he interviewed numerous people, I kept thinking the way the Nazi editor Julius Streicher will be nodding in contract with Ross's "observations" of Jews. Distasteful at Best! I originally thought that book will be about his developing up in the South as a Jew who had to cover up his Jewish identification and his mother's manic obsession to be regarded as a Jew. While there is some of this a lot of the reserve is definitely how Jews who seek any spirituality are frauds or filthy or primitive or exploited or exploiters or vulgar. This is simply not a pleasant book. He seems to derive a sinister and creepy pleasure of making fun of people. Especially ugly was his explanation of the Reform rabbi in Kansas Town.Thoughtful, suprising, and humorous, this reader is happy to have gone along on the ride. Ross' method of the question of what this means to end up being Jewish can be an interesting one. This reserve lets you know that all the tiny small assemblies throughout this country as well as throughout the world quietly observant of the true. The fire within you will help you seek until you discover.

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