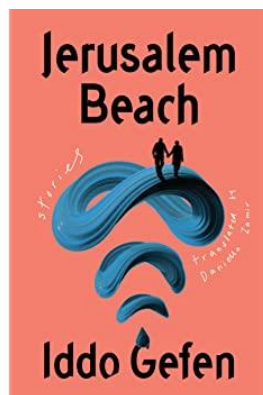


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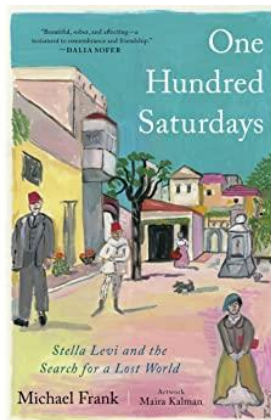


Jerusalem Beach: Stories
by Iddo Gefen October 1, 2023

***WINNER OF THE 2023 SAMI ROHR PRIZE
FOR JEWISH LITERATURE, FICTION***

At once compassionate and humorous, *Jerusalem Beach* is a foray into the human condition. Through a series of snapshots of contemporary life in Israel, Gefen reveals a world that's a step from the familiar.

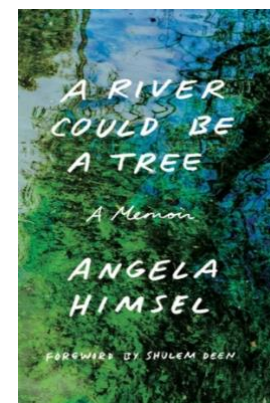
A man's grandfather joins an army platoon of geriatrics looking for purpose in old age. A scheming tech start-up exposes the dire consequences of ambition. An elderly couple searches for a beach that doesn't exist. And, a boy mourns his brother's death in an attempt to catch time like flies in his fist.



One Hundred Saturdays
by Michael Frank
November 19, 2023

One of *Wall Street Journal's* Ten Best Books of the Year * Winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Holocaust Memoir and Sephardic Culture *

The remarkable story of ninety-nine-year-old Stella Levi whose conversations with the author over the course of six years bring to life the vibrant world of Jewish life on the Greek island of Rhodes, the deportation to Auschwitz that extinguished ninety percent of her community, and the resilience and wisdom of the woman who lived to tell the tale.



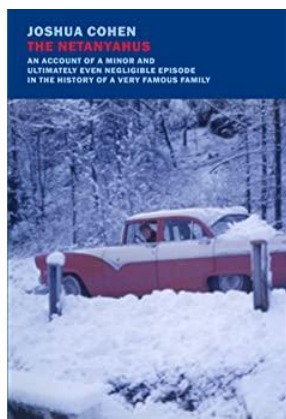
A River Could Be a Tree: A Memoir
by Angela Himself
January 7, 2024

How does a woman who grew up in rural Indiana as a fundamentalist Christian end up a practicing Jew in New York?

Angela Himself was raised in a German-American family, one of eleven children who shared a single bathroom in their rented ramshackle farmhouse in Indiana.

Himself's seemingly impossible road from childhood cult to a committed Jewish life is traced in and around the major events of the 1970s and 80s with warmth, humor, and a multitude of religious and philosophical insights.

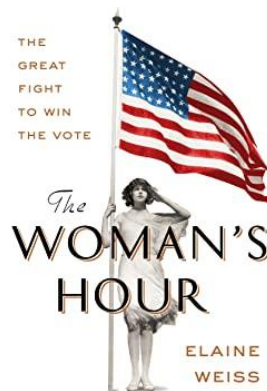
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The Netanyahu by Joshua Cohen
February 11, 2024

2022 PULITZER PRIZE FOR FICTION, 2021 NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD, NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2021, WALL STREET JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF 2021

Corbin College, not quite upstate New York, winter 1959–1960: Ruben Blum, a Jewish historian, is co-opted onto a hiring committee to review the application of an exiled Israeli scholar specializing in the Spanish Inquisition. When Benzion Netanyahu shows up for an interview, family unexpectedly in tow, Blum plays the reluctant host to guests who proceed to lay waste to his American complacencies. Mixes fiction with nonfiction.



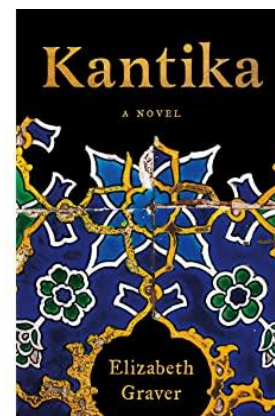
The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

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March 24, 2024

"Both a page-turning drama and an inspiration for every reader"--Hillary Rodham Clinton

"Weiss shows a superb sense of detail, and it's the deliciousness of her details that suggests certain individuals warrant entire novels of their own... Weiss's thoroughness is one of the book's great strengths. So vividly had she depicted events that by the climactic vote, I got goose bumps."--Curtis Sittenfeld, *The New York Times Book Review*



Kantika: A Novel
by Elizabeth Graver
May 19, 2024

A dazzling Sephardic multigenerational saga that moves from Istanbul to Barcelona, Havana, and New York, exploring displacement, endurance, and family as home.

A portrait of one family's displacement across four countries, *Kantika* follows Rebecca Cohen, feisty daughter of the Sephardic elite of early 20th-century Istanbul. When the Cohens lose their wealth and are forced to move to Barcelona and start anew, Rebecca fashions a life from a failed marriage, the need to earn a living, but also passion, pleasure and motherhood. Moving from Spain to Cuba to New York for an arranged second marriage, she faces her greatest challenge—her disabled stepdaughter, Luna.

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