

Jewish Literacy Revised Ed: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People, and Its History

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Broad, but shallow. Bible stories everybody should already know.

This is a succinct retelling of familiar stories from the Bible. It does not include much analysis. It does not, for instance, delve into the historical accuracy of the accounts or parallel stories in other cultures. I would recommend this book for a Jewish teenager whose parents had neglected to familiarize him with Judaica, perhaps as part of the preparation for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.