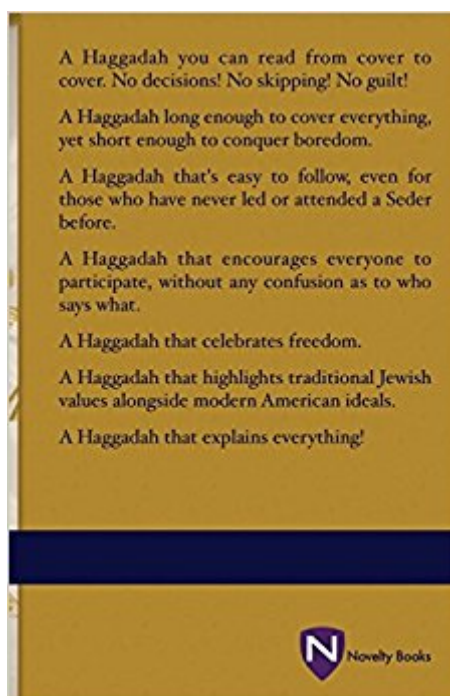


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The New American Haggadah: A Simple Passover Seder For The Whole Family



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

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I used this haggadah this year at a seder I led for people who are well versed in the Old Testament but are not Jewish. That said, save a group of extremely traditional Jews or Israelis, I would not hesitate to use this with most Jewish Americans and Canadians. The Hebrew is fine, the explanations are spot-on and probably the only thing I would add is sheet music for those who can read music and want to sing at the end of the seder. Clearly I am Jewish and have a fair amount of experience leading seders for non-Jews. I expect I'll be using this haggadah in the future, unless, of course, we wake up in Jerusalem. One other thought: I coached some of my guests in seder food preparation. While this is available online, why don't you collect some recipes from your audience? I make perfect chicken soup, matzo balls, etc. I'll be happy to contribute that and a couple of other recipes if you'd like.

Last night I hosted the second night Seder for six adults. The other day began looking through my motley selection of Haggadahs - all old and beaten up, all politically incorrect. I looked at and selected Ken and Lauren Royal's "The New American Haggadah" and sent for six printed copies. (The book is also available on e-version). I paid for all six to be sent in one day; unfortunately only 2 came on Tuesday, the other 4 will come today. What to do? I contacted the guests and asked they bring their Ipads and gave them the link to download the free copies. So, our Seder was combination of "old" and "new", "tree" and "computer". And what of the haggadah, used in whatever form we had? We were very well pleased with it. It is a concise, readable, short, adult version of the seder (which means "order"). I think it was supposed to be a 30 minute version but it seemed to us to be longer. No matter - it was still shorter than the other versions I've used. The subtitle - a "simple" version - is not really true. We all felt that text was clear and thorough. This group of long-time Passover observers all learned things and maybe the reading was made a bit longer by heady debates and quirky asides that the text engendered. For instance, when we were reading the Four Questions, we substituted "daughter" for "son" on two of the questions. But, I think the text was

written correctly and a more traditional group would find the text more applicable to their observance. I'm very glad we used "The New American Haggadah" last night and we'll continue to use it in years to come. I didn't cancel the order for the four printed versions on their way to me because I do feel that the Seder is better read from a book and I don't want to deprive the Royals of their meager royalties for their work. We had a delightful Seder last night, helped along by their work in making the holiday "order" more readable. (The only other point I'd like to make is that I don't know if the book is suitable to little children. I think maybe for 10 years of age and up.)

Solid, simple. If you want a no frills, basic seder for friends, family and goyim this does a great job. If you are looking for something traditional, keep on looking.

We have been using a children's haggadah for years, long past when our children outgrew it, solely because it made for a short 20-30 minute seder. I decided to buy this haggadah (well 8 of them) because it said it was a simple seder that covered everything in a short amount of time. It does just that and has some new traditions that we loved inside, too. (I could not understand why it was telling me to put an orange on the seder plate, but when we got to that part, it brought tears to my eyes... I'll not spoil it here.) We went through the whole haggadah, the story was told nicely with both english and some hebrew, and we were done in just under 30 minutes. It is definitely more of a reform haggadah, but the hebrew (hebrew and transliteration) is there for the basic prayers and Passover classics. We loved it! I'll be buying a few more copies next year. My husband and I were raised as conservative jews, but have been members of a reform synagogue for the last 15 years.

Reading this book has not only giving me a greater understanding of the bible but has also given me a greater understanding of today's world and the freedoms that are slowly being eroded by our politicians as we once again sink into economic and religious slavery

Easy to follow, covered everything in a clear way for people unfamiliar with Passover. Easy to use the Kindle version. Appreciate the modern, liberal, inclusive tone. Highly recommended!

I was expecting a slightly more traditional, yet shorter book - but it gets the job done.

My family and guests loved it. First time we went back to Hagaddah to finish the Seder after the meal.

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