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Description:

This volume is about Latter-day Saints learning from Jews and the Jewish experience. This book is unique. It is not a traditional interfaith dialogue where the goal is to learn from each other. Rather, Latter-day Saints seek to give Jews the microphone, so to speak, and let them talk about themselves on their own terms. Only then do Latter-day Saint respond, and not with the goal of establishing areas of agreement or disagreement but as an opportunity to learn from Jews. This book turns to the wisdom of Jews and Judaism to inform, inspire, and enhance the lived religious experience of Latter-day Saints.

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Key topics:

1. Religious authority (who is the authority?)
2. Faith and Piety (scripture, prayer, remembrance)
3. Inclusivity and Women’s role in the community
4. Being a particular, or peculiar people
5. Religion and humor

Relevance to readers

This book is not only intriguing in that a new American religion seeks to learn from a religion that has roots in the ancient Mediterranean world, but it discusses important issues like authority, women and modernity, and particularity.

Recommended Chapters

The chapters on authority, scripture, and prayer are perhaps the most essential because the stakes are highest on those issues, at least for Latter-day Saints. These issues speak to the very essence of Latter-day Saint faith.

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