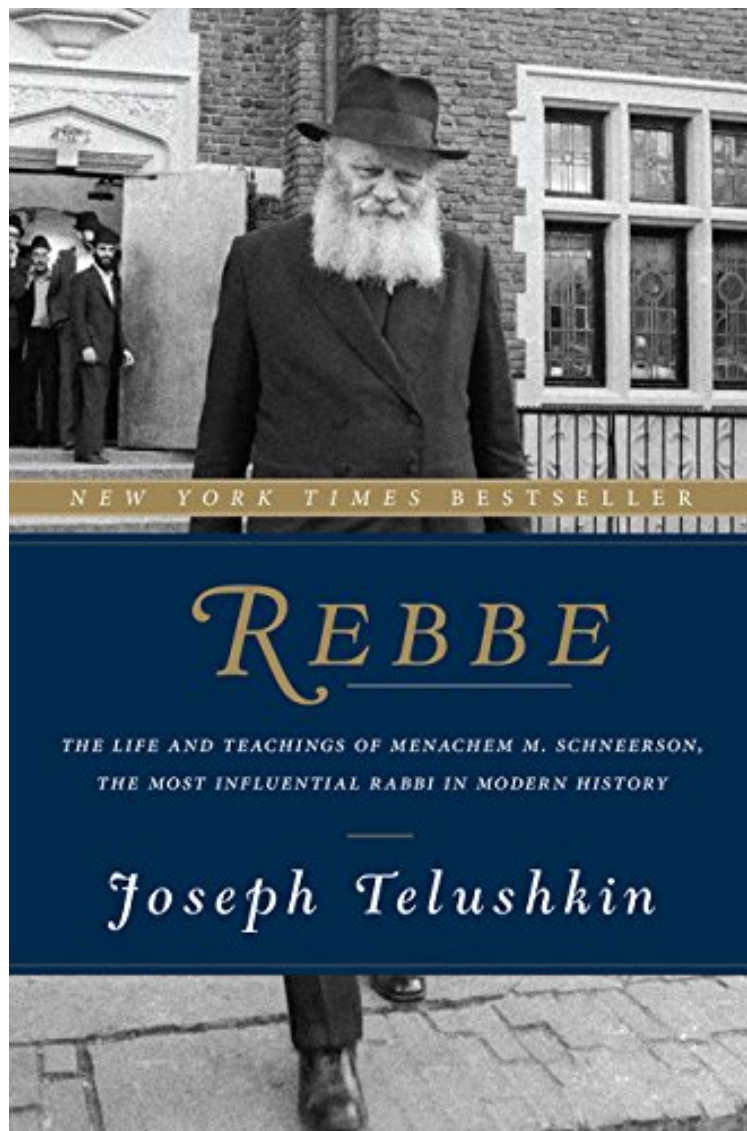


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One of the greatest religious biographies ever written. Dennis PragerIn this enlightening biography, Joseph Telushkin offers a captivating portrait of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a towering figure who saw beyond conventional boundaries to turn his movement, Chabad-Lubavitch, into one of the most dynamic and widespread organizations ever seen in the Jewish world. At once an incisive work of history and a compendium of Rabbi Schneerson's teachings, Rebbe is the definitive guide to understanding one of the most vital, intriguing figures of the last centuries.From his modest headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the Rebbe advised some of the world's greatest leaders and shaped matters of state and society. Statesmen and artists as diverse as Ronald Reagan, Robert F. Kennedy, Yitzchak Rabin, Menachem Begin, Elie Wiesel, and Bob Dylan span the spectrum of those who sought his counsel. Rebbe explores Schneerson's overarching philosophies against the backdrop of treacherous history, revealing his clandestine operations to rescue and sustain Jews in the Soviet Union, and his critical role in the expansion of the food stamp program throughout the United States. More broadly, it examines how he became in effect an ambassador for Jews globally, and how he came to be viewed by many as not only a spiritual archetype but a savior. Telushkin also delves deep into the more controversial aspects of the Rebbe's leadership, analyzing his views on modern science and territorial compromise in Israel, and how in the last years of his life, many of his followers believed that he would soon be revealed as the Messiah, a source of contention until this day.

From Booklist*Starred * The subtitles claim that Schneerson, of the Chabad-Lubavitcher sect of Orthodox Jewry (and thought by some of his followers to be the Messiah), was the modern worlds most influential Jewish religious leader is proven throughout this highly readable book. He was visited by everyone from Robert Kennedy to Cory Booker, had a warm correspondence with Ronald Reagan, and received a Congressional Gold Medal. With outreach programs that extended far beyond his tiny sect, he made the love of ones fellow Jew a visible symbol throughout the world. Telushkin introduces the Rebbe through the stories and memories of those who knew or were touched by him. A wide range of topics is discussed: Schneersons connection with his family, his congregation, and other Jewish denominations; his position on Israel; his outside-the-box thinking on a number of religious issues. Although this

account doesn't contain any real critical assessment, it is not hagiography. Rather, readers are left to draw their own assessment from the wide-ranging portrait. For instance, what to make of the fact that though Schneerson was highly trained in the sciences, he insisted that the sun revolves around an earth that is less than 7,000 years old? For those who wish a more ordered look at the Rebbe's life, the author provides a detailed time line. Extensive notes bolster the text. Fascinating. --Ilene Cooper [An] excellent new biography of Chabad's great 20th-century leader For all his immense achievements, the Rebbe's power ultimately came from a simple message that anyone can appreciate. As Mr. Telushkin puts it: Love your fellow, and not just those who agree with you. Mesmerizing. (Wall Street Journal) Through his clear and unambiguous prose cultivated from many sources, Telushkin recounts how the Rebbe fundamentally transformed notions of human potential, as he believed individuals were capable of much more than we imagine for ourselves... Rebbe will be a staple of rabbinic biography for years to come. (Huffington Post) The subtitles claim that Schneerson was the modern world's most influential Jewish religious leader is proven throughout this highly readable book Readers are left to draw their own assessment from the wide-ranging portrait Fascinating. (Booklist (starred review)) A vivid, panoramic view of Rabbi Schneerson-in each of his many roles as dynamic spiritual leader, inspiring teacher, and even motivating life coach and management guru Telushkin's Rebbe is a man in constant motion, a non-stop whirlwind of faith-driven energy and action possessed of a spiritual calm. 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We meet dozens of followers and hear their stories, get a feel for the texture of their devotion, for why they loved him It is worth studying how and why his method worked. (The Jewish Daily Forward) [Rebbe] should be in the personal library of Americans of every faith. (Front Page Magazine) [Rebbe] is an enjoyable book to read, with insights and perspectives as well as details that inform and engage, shedding light on a towering, influential figure. (Chicago Jewish Star) With this book, the Rebbe no longer is incomprehensible. Spend some time getting to know the Rebbe. You'll be glad you did. (Jewish Herald Voice) Provides a comprehensive history of the Rebbe's hallmark focus on the individual-from heads of state to the everyman (JNS) To understand why he inspired so many, do yourself a favor and pick up this moving, new biography. You don't need to be a Jew or even be a religious person to learn from this monumental man. (New York 1) Rebbe is that extremely rare thing: a perfect book about a perfect man. [It] brings the great man alive and gives the reader powerful motivation to examine his own life... The Rebbe touched the lives of millions; through Telushkin's book, he will touch the lives of many more. (NY Journal of Books) From the Back Cover Highly motivational, Rebbe is the definitive work on a monumental and multifaceted leader, written by one of today's most prominent and respected Jewish scholars. Joseph Telushkin offers a captivating portrait of the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whose profound spiritual and moral teachings galvanized people of all faiths to lead more meaningful and selfless lives. From a modest synagogue in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the Rebbe spearheaded a spiritual revolution, influenced American and Israeli policies, counseled some of our greatest thinkers and statesmen, and spread his message of unconditional love and righteousness to the far corners of the world. At once an incisive work of history and a compendium of Rabbi Schneerson's teachings, Rebbe examines the personal side of this towering sage, while exploring in depth his achievements, core philosophy, and revolutionary initiatives, which remain as vibrant and vital as ever. Rebbe is the authoritative guide to understanding one of the most intriguing figures of the last century, and an indispensable tool to applying his philosophies and example to one's own life.