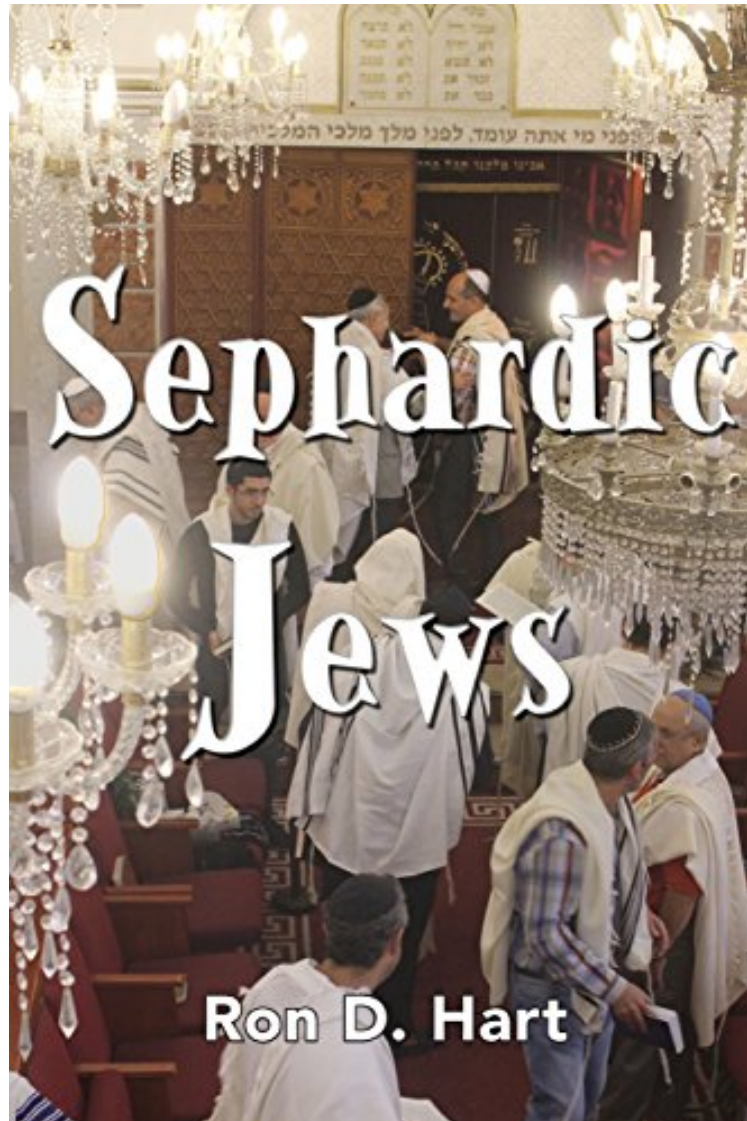


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Ron Duncan Hart : Sephardic Jews: History, Religion and People before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sephardic Jews: History, Religion and People:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. All you wanted to know and more!By Rusty WatsonIn his prologue, the author states, Sephardic Jews have become a part of a memory, often with little information about the actual history and heritage of the group. What happened to these people? Why did they disperse across the continents? What were the historical reasons that coerced this population to practice their rituals in the privacy of their homes or abandon them altogether?The author has meticulously research and gathered all the answers to these questions and

definitely falls into the category of all you wanted to know and more. While researching my own family history, I encountered evidence of Sephardic heritage dating back to 1492. My ancestor sailed with Christopher Columbus but I wondered why his name was Spanish. I was amazed at the amount of information I gleaned from reading this title and I highly recommend it to anyone who is searching for well-researched answers to their questions. This book is in-depth and well documented, and even if you do not have Sephardic DNA, it is important to read in order to understand the choices all our ancestors made to have religious freedoms. This book was given to me in exchange for an honest review. The Idler 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A summation of the Sephardic Diaspora with emphasis on Southwest U.S. By J Tucker Sephardic Jews: History, Religion and People is written with the purpose of providing a window of information and understanding about the people who have carried the light of Sephardic Judaism for centuries and those who are finding hope in it today. (Author's statement of purpose) Part 1, Jews in Spain is a concise summary of the works and lives of Jewish writers and poets primarily in Muslim Spain along with some pertinent historical and cultural facts. The author has drawn upon a broad spectrum of writings on this subject. The last two chapters of Part 1 describe the decline and end to Jewish life in Spain that began with the holocaust of 1391 and the ultimate 1492 Edict of Expulsion. Part II, Sephardic Diaspora delves more into Dr. Hart's area of expertise, cultural anthropology. His discussion of culture and ritual is enlightening. The divergence between the Sephardim that migrated to the Ottoman Empire and North Africa is contrasted with those who eventually settled in northern Europe and those who ultimately came to New Spain (Mexico). One criticism that I would level is that while the author provides a useful summary of the works of historians, he provides little direct reference to their work. Understandably citations can distract a reader, but the lack thereof reduces the academic value of the work, especially since he does use short citations in the last part of the book, Conversos in New Spain. In summary, Dr. Hart does achieve his objective stated at the start of this review. As such, I can highly recommend this book as a first step in understanding the cultural, economic, social and political history of Jews for those (knowingly or thinking they might be) of Sephardic lineage. This book was given to me in exchange for an honest review. The Journeys of Brothers

Sephardic Jews is an introduction to the world of the Sephardim (Hebrew plural for Sephardic Jews) for the reader learning about that heritage. Although the Sephardim were once the majority of Jews in the United States, in the last 150 years they were replaced by the monumental migration of Eastern European and Russian Jews who brought other traditions. For many in the United States, Sephardic Jews have become a part of memory and even a figment of the imagination, often with little information about the actual history and heritage of the group. Today, in the Southwest of the United States and in parts of Latin America there is a movement to reclaim Sephardic identification among Spanish speakers, some with possible Jews roots dating back to the Expulsion from Spain in 1492. That has sparked interest in learning more about Sefarad, the Spain of the Jews, and the Diaspora of Spanish Jews that sent people to the Ottoman Empire, Morocco, Amsterdam, and the Americas. Myths have grown around the concept of Sefarad sometimes obscuring the realities of what it was. There was a "golden age" for Jews during the early Muslim period, but as the reconquest heated up and Christian rule replaced that of Muslims, the Jewish experience turned dark until the light of the Jews was put out in Spain.