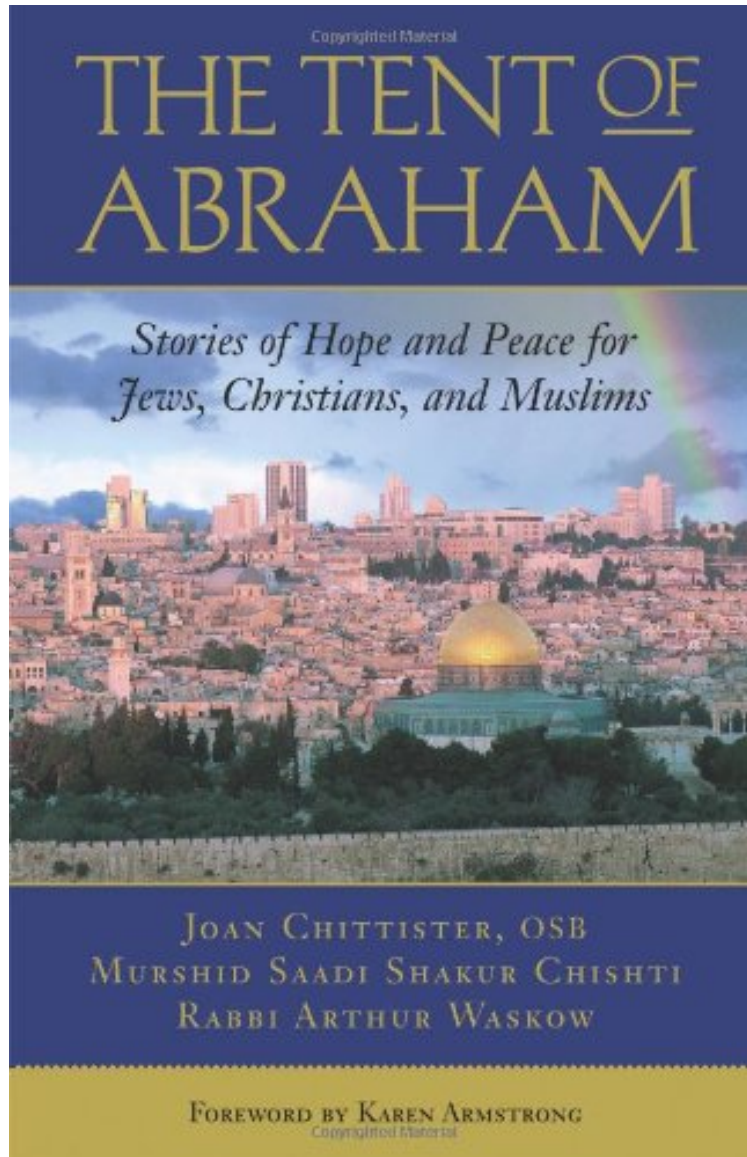


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The Tent of Abraham is the first book to tell the entire story of Abraham and to reenergize it as a basis for peace. Written by three leaders belonging to different faiths, the book explores in accessible language the mythic quality and the teachings of reconciliation that are embedded in the Torah, the Qur'an, and the Bible.

From Publishers WeeklyThe three coauthors, representing the three major Western faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), explain each religion's basis for a monotheistic multifaith movement by delving into ancient stories. Waskow, a rabbi, offers intellectual perspective on the Abrahamic story, explaining symbolic themes of Judaism. The Torah, for instance, is said to have been written with "black fire on white fire": The white fire is the blank spaces, where Jews of each generation are meant to read and reread the language contained in the black fire. Catholic sister and popular writer Chittister describes the Middle East conflict with compelling anecdotes from her own firsthand experience in founding an Israeli-Palestinian women's group. Finally, Sufi writer Chishti discusses the spiritual content and opinions related to Islam. The authors explore provocative questions, such as which son Abraham meant to sacrifice (Isaac, ancestor of the Jews, or Ishmael, ancestor of the Muslims) and the nature of the relationship between Sarah and Hagar: were they devoted friends, rivals or simply property of Abraham? Evoking the "open tent" policy of Abraham, who welcomed all visitors to his home despite social mores, the coauthors air out all options. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. The Palestinian/Israeli conflict has elicited many books exhorting political and religious peace in the Middle East, but none has appealed to individual minds and hearts quite like this one. LibraryJournal, starred review"The stories of our common ancestors told in this book with such creative imagination inspire all of us to build community across the walls that normally divide us." Bob Edgar, general secretary, National Council of Churches"This book will open your eyes to the possibilities for collaborative work between our traditions and is a must-read for those doing interfaith peacework." TikkunAbout the AuthorJoan Chittister, OSB, is a best-selling writer and lecturer. She lives in Erie, Pennsylvania. ContributorMurshid Saadi Shakur Chishti (Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz) has a website at www.abwoon.com, for the Abwoon Study Circle. This site focuses on his research, study and publication in the areas of Middle Eastern mysticism and peacemaking. "Abwoon" is an Aramaic word for the power of the Universe to give birth to new life every instant. His institutional website is the Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning (www.eial.org). Rabbi Arthur Waskow is the director of The Shalom Center in Philadelphia and author of numerous books, including Seasons of Our Joy and Down-to-Earth Judaism.