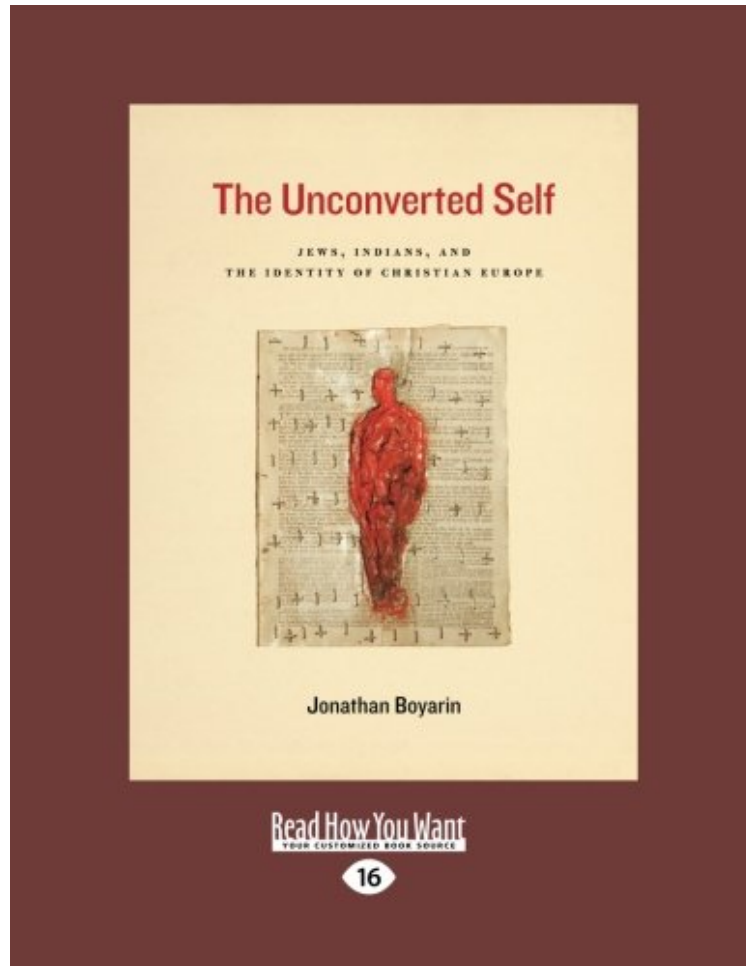


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Europe's formative encounter with its "others" is still widely assumed to have come with its discovery of the peoples of

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"This is an ambitious and intriguing attempt to trace the ongoing processes of European self-definition from the relationship to Jews in the later Middle Ages to the encounter with New World peoples in the early modern period." - Barbara Fuchs, University of Pennsylvania

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