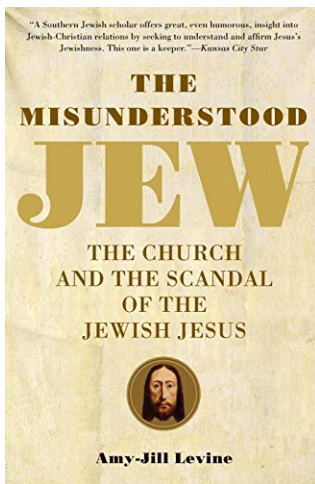


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#### Description:

**From Publishers Weekly Starred Review.** It is a simple truth that Jews and Christians should be close friends, since they share common roots and a basic ethical system. But the gulf between the groups seems vast. Levine, professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt, presents a strong and convincing case for understanding Jesus as "a Jew speaking to Jews," and for viewing Christianity as a Jewish movement that ultimately swept the world in its influence and authority. But with this expansion came an insidious anti-Jewish sentiment, fed by some New Testament texts (wrongly

understood, the author urges) and the emerging political power of the Christian church. Levine does a masterful job of describing the subtleties of anti-Semitism, across the years and across the religious spectrum, from the conservative evangelical mission to convert the Jews to the liberation theologians who picture Jews as adherents to an older, less merciful religion. In the end, Levine offers a prescription for healing and mutual understanding; a chapter titled "Quo Vadis?" outlines steps that can be taken by Jews and Christians alike to bridge the divide that has caused so much suffering over the centuries. Written for the general public, this is an outstanding addition to the literature of interfaith dialogue. (*Jan.*)

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**From** Levine, a professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt, joins the ranks of Bart Ehrman, John Dominic Crossan, and others in the search for the historical Jesus. In the first several chapters, Levine treads familiar ground, discussing Jesus within the context of Judaism and examining how Christianity evolved from a Jewish sect to a gentile church. This information can be found in other, more clearly written sources, but what Levine does very well is discuss Jewish-Christian relations throughout the millennia, even as she provides a context for discussion. Though Levine clearly shows how Judaism has become a scapegoat of Christianity and offers many examples of Judaism's tenets taken out of context by church writers, she is not writing to stir up trouble. What she wants readers to understand is that lifting Jesus from Judaism is not helpful to either group and that there are plenty of ways to focus on similarities. As Levine concludes, "As different as they are, church and synagogue have . . . the same destination whether called . . . the kingdom of heaven or the messianic age." *Ilene Cooper*

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Jesus, the head of Christianity, left few adherents mainly from among the Jews. He urged his disciples (those he had already made his followers) as he was about leaving the world to go into the world and make disciples of all nations, ordering them to "Baptize them, In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" ( Matt 28:19). The Misunderstood Jew book. Read 118 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Country Western singer Kinky Friedman often performs a song ...  
The church fathers of the first and second century drove home the wedges Outstanding. Levine takes few prisoners in this witty, acerbic, and pointed defense of the Jewishness of Jesus of Nazareth. In my opinion, her eloquent (yet vicious) take on the WCC was worth the price of the book.  
While we recognize that Jesus was Jewish, we tend to contrast Jesus with most other Jews of his day. We also tend to assume a straight line from the Old Testament Law to the Jews of Jesus's day to the Jews of our day. What we do not realize is that there was a lot of development of what it meant to be Jewish in both of those periods. In the The Misunderstood Jew, scholar Amy-Jill Levine helps Christians and Jews understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Levine's humor and informed truth-telling provokes honest conversation and debate about how Christians and Jews should understand Jesus, the New Testament, and each other. Year: 2007. From the publisher's website: In the The Misunderstood Jew, scholar Amy-Jill Levine helps Christians and Jews understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Levine's humor and informed truth-telling provokes honest conversation and debate about how Christians and Jews should understand Jesus, the New Testament, and each other. Tags: Antiquity, Books, Christian-Jewish Relations, Levine, New Testament, Research. LATEST POSTS. 3.2.21: Allison Schachter interviewed for Arts & Sciences website. 2.21.21: Virtual se The Misunderstood Jew and millions of other books are available for Amazon Kindle. Learn more. Books.  
Her Jewish faith makes it impossible to take the New Testament's claims about Jesus seriously. As such, she must dismiss or ignore much of what the New Testament says in order to maintain her own pre-conceived idea (i.e. "bias"). She says that Christians need to read the New Testament with an understanding of how a Jew would read it, and try to understand how a committed Jew would see some statements as.