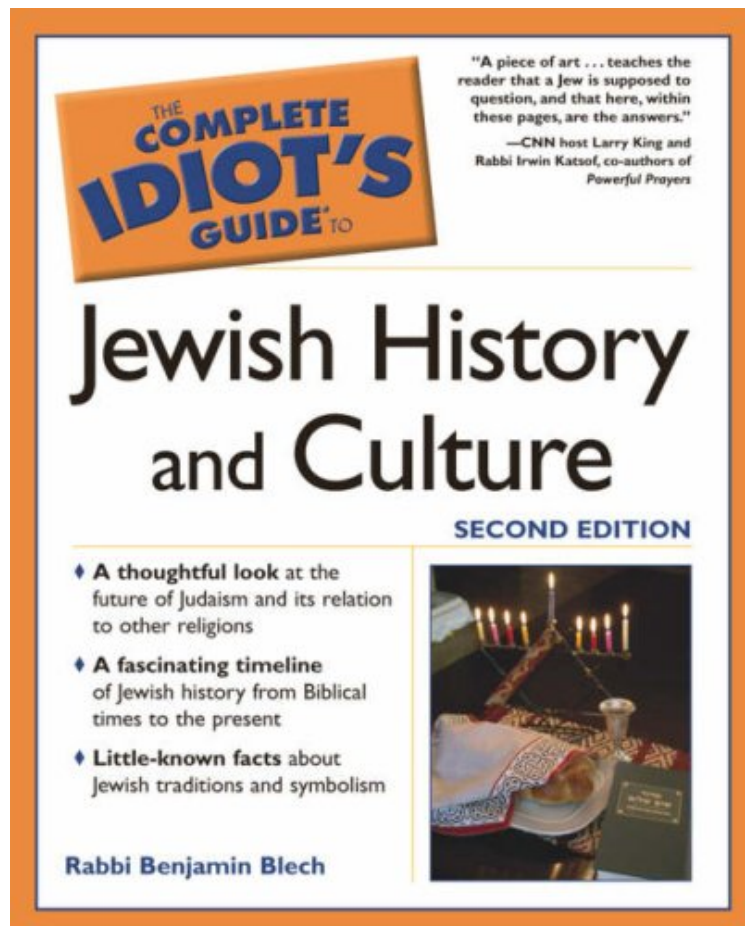


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familiar with the history of the Irish raiding our coastline. They posed a serious threat, in ancient past, and even to this day, so the English dealt with them in the custom of the day: *c'est la guerre*, so say the French. The author is not resentful but presents the facts honestly and, generously, as you would expect from an Irishman. Obviously, the treatment of Irish during the Great Hunger is not to be excused and many English are rightfully ashamed of this behavior; some are not, as I can tell you from talking to some of my English friends --- old animosities run deep. Again, the author is clear, descriptive and fair. There were lots of side notes that were enough to fill another book. It made for interesting reading. I'll have to try the recipe for soda bread. What was especially charming about this book was the simple language. In the custom of the Irish, it is a good tale. I hope this review is helpful. If it was, please add your vote. Thank you. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Jodi Fantastic book!

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