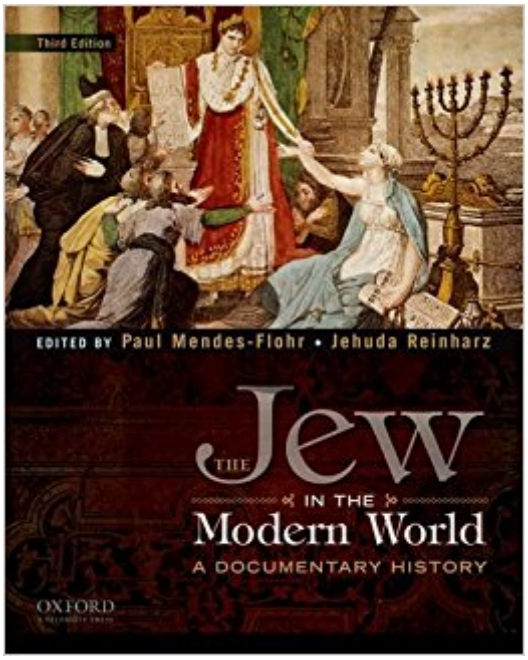
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This is an excellent supplementary reader for a Jewish studies course at the undergraduate upper division or graduate level. It contains a wealth of translated documents from the European Jewish experience in the modern period. It covers both the Western and Eastern European experience, and is an excellent source for studying the encounter of Judaism with modernity, particularly the haskalah and Hasidism.

A comprehensive collection of sources indispensable to the student of modern Jewish history

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Great book, seller is very recommended!

I enjoyed this book. It was used for a university course. The primary sources are very relevant and interesting. My only complaint is that the source selection is very partial toward non-observant Judaism. To fairly treat the topic, the editor really, really ought to include writings by Jonathan Sacks and make some reference to Chabad/the rebbe, Rav Solovetchik, Rav Kook, and some of the other great modern rabbis. I read this before even considering being a baal teshuva, and I had no idea after the class about how modern and relevant Orthodox Judaism is.

With little knowledge about Jewish modern history, from the late 1700’s, I’ve learned about the thinking of the Jews of this period. Through letters and documents, both from Jews and non-Jews, this book gives us an interesting insight into the minds of the people across Europe during these

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