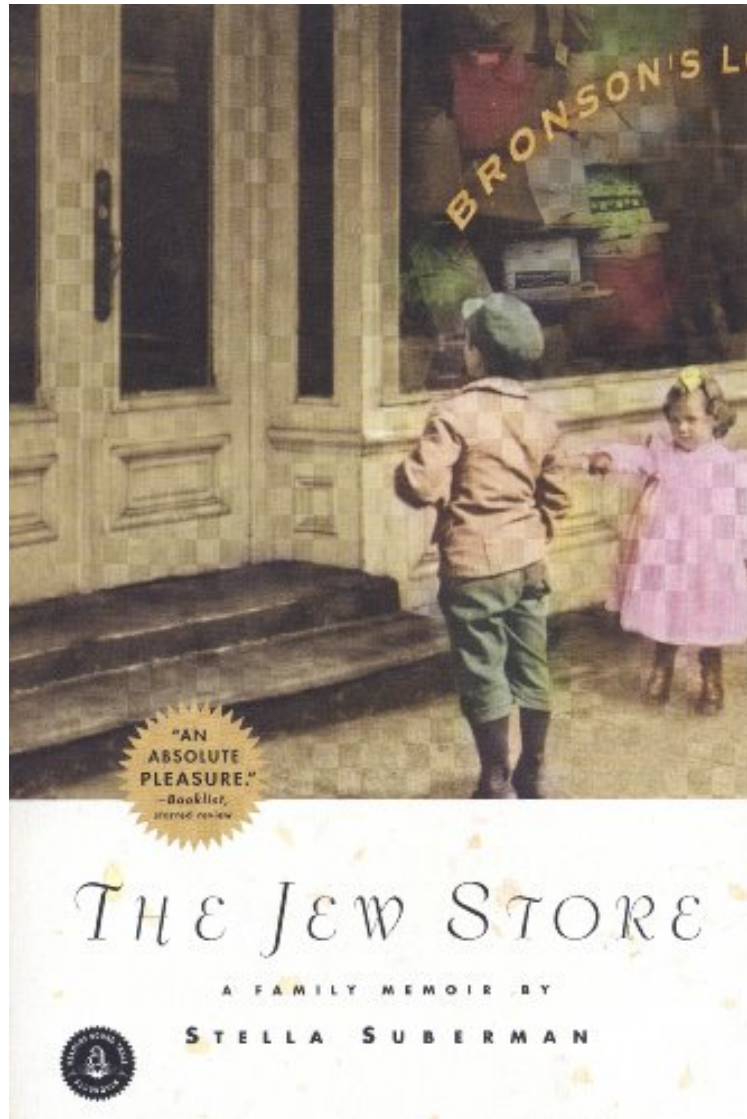


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Von Stella Suberman : The Jew Store: A Family Memoir (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Jew Store: A Family Memoir (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A nostalgic trip back to the 20's in TennesseeVon Ein KundeWithout revealing the "secret name" of the small community in Northwest Tennessee or the real name of the family I would like to reflect on the so-called anti-semitic elements in the story. I am an aged non-jewish, Christian citizen of the "unnamed" Tennessee community today.Certainly, the only Jewish person in town was perceived as being different, but not despised or even looked

down upon. Everyone did attend their respective Christian church regularly in those days- (wish that it were true today). Jewish families did not attend any of the church services and consequently were perceived as "different" but absolutely not "anti". Since there were no organized Jewish religious activity in the town, I recall that one very popular teen aged Jewish young lady regularly attended the Christian youth service on Sunday night at our church. She was well received and joined in the social and religious discussions of the group. I would like to respectfully suggest the author is and was a little paranoic in her perceptions of the feedback of the community. Citizens of Jewish decendency have been among our most honorable, distinguished, patriotic, philanthropic and law-abiding citizens and have been so-perceived by all of the residents of the community. I would suggest that the author return to the town of her youth today and observe a most loved Jewish gentlemen and lady leading our Arts and Cultural activities with much pride and respect. Others have been in charge of charitable drives for funds, still others elected to city and county official offices. Yes, our community has profitted from its heritage of Jewish citizenry. Yes again. I would invite the author to return to the "Diadem of Dixie" and see for herself one of the finest communities in America, perhaps partly built by her family's touching us.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A tale of genuine family values versus Jewish assimilation. Von Ein Kunde Someone once said that acceptance and assimilation in America has done more to destroy the Jewish way of life than all the antisemites since the beginning of time. "The Jew Store" is evidence that there is some truth to that. Born myself to a Russian Jewish immigrant father; and a first generation Jewish mother in post World War II Bronx, I recognized each person in her story as archetypes. Suberman's family is very familiar to me, down to their choice of language, attitudes, and alternately suffocating/ indifferent family ties. Suberman appears to fault her mother Reba for wanting her children to retain Jewish cultural and religious traditions. She is portrayed unfairly as a nervous, sometimes shrewish woman who drove her son away from home just so he could be bar mitvah, and who drove the entire family from an otherwise blissful life in Concordia just to prevent Miriam from marrying a non-Jew. Father Aaron, on the other hand, who was ready to assimilate completely for an easier American way of life for his children, is the hero of her piece. "The Jew Store," is an important tale of genuine family and community values, against a backdrop of the type of situational American values depicted so well by Mark Twain. The character that is most pivotal and interesting, Miss Brookie, is the least explored, probably because she was long dead when Suberman started to write and she had no heirs. What made her open her home and heart so wide to this family? I still want to know!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a small masterpiece Von Ein Kunde This jewel of a book richly deserves five stars. The author's depiction of a Jewish family living in a small town in Tennessee in the 1920s is beautifully written. Especially impressive is the way the author wrote about anti-semitism without exploiting the issue for dramatic effect. (Compare this memoir, set in the 1920s, with moronic modern flicks like "School Ties" in which students at a boarding school in the 1950s shout at a Jewish student, "We hate you because you're Jewish." Give me a break.) Just as the author's family's Jewishness is dealt with subtly, so are the townspeople drawn: all of them seem genuine, not stereotyped. So restrained is the author, yet so talented, that a low-key but powerful scene toward the end of the book sneaked up on me: I found that I had tears running down my face as I read. I miss the townspeople and the author's family. I wish I could go back in time and drive to that town and find all of them still there. This memoir is far superior to the overrated Angela's Ashes; The Jew Store is the book that should have won the Pulitzer Prize.

Kurzbeschreibung "For a real bargain, while you're making a living, you should make also a life." --Aaron Bronson In 1920, in small-town America, the ubiquitous dry goods store--suits and coats, shoes and hats, work clothes and school clothes, yard goods and notions--was usually owned by Jews and often referred to as "the Jew store." That's how Stella Suberman's father's store, Bronson's Low-Priced Store, in Concordia, Tennessee, was known locally. The Bronsons were the first Jews to ever live in that tiny town (1920 population: 5,318) of one main street, one bank, one drugstore, one picture show, one feed and seed, one hardware, one barber shop, one beauty parlor, one blacksmith, and many Christian churches. Aaron Bronson moved his family all the way from New York City to that remote corner of northwest Tennessee to prove himself a born salesman--and much more. Told by Aaron's youngest child, The Jew Store is that rare thing--an intimate family story that sheds new light on a piece of American history. Here is One Man's Family with a twist--a Jew, born into poverty in prerevolutionary Russia and orphaned from birth, finds his way to America, finds a trade, finds a wife, and sets out to find his fortune in a place where Jews are unwelcome. With a novelist's sense of scene, suspense, and above all, characterization, Stella Suberman turns the clock back to a time when rural America was more peaceful but no less prejudiced, when educated liberals were suspect, and when the Klan was threatening to outsiders. In that setting, she brings to life her remarkable father, a man whose own brand of success proves that intelligence, empathy, liberality, and decency can build a home anywhere. The Jew Store is a heartwarming--even inspiring--story.