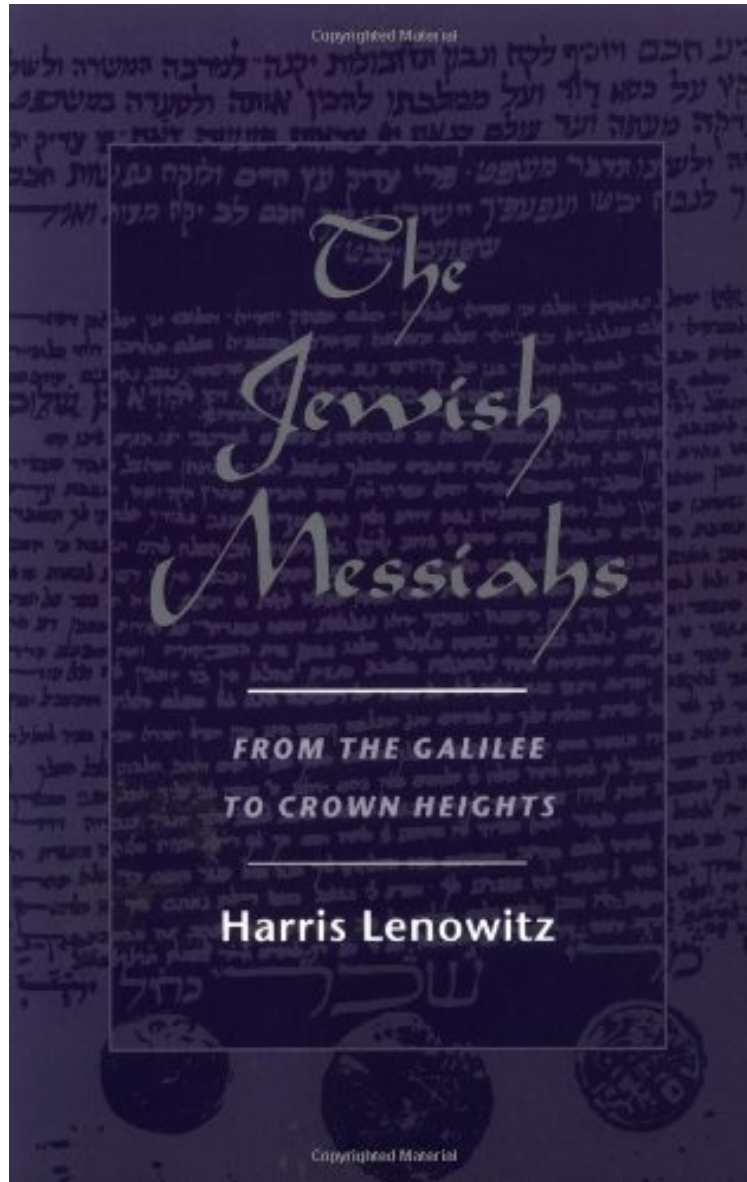


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein Messias ohne Theorie des Messianismus? Ein wichtiges Buch mit systematischen Schwchen.Von H. GebauerDas

Buch ist trotz seiner stupenden Gelehrtheit, leider ein wenig unentschlossen, ob es nun eine Materialsammlung zur Geschichte der jüdischen messianischen Figuren sein will oder ob es an der begrifflichen Schöpfung eines zureichenden Begriffs von Messianismus und messianischen Gestalten sein will. Ist man freundlich, so könnte man sagen, dass Lenowitz die Singularität der einzelnen Figurationen des Messianischen erst nimmt und sie nicht zu "einer" Theorie des jüdischen Messianismus zusammenzwingen will. Was ja sachlich auch sinnlos wäre, denn das Thema ist ja unabgeschlossen. So lange wir schreiben können, bleibt der Messias im Kommen. Gegen diese freundliche Lesart spricht aber, der buchtechnisch nur als dilettantisch zu bezeichnende Aufbau des Buches, denn zum Teil ist für den Leser nicht zu erkennen, worum es - mal abgesehen von den blichen Gestalten wie Hayyim Vital, Issac Luria usw. - eigentlich begrifflich(!) gehen soll. Ebenso sind die systematischen Überlegungen zum Thema, die zugegebenermaßen sehr genau sind, viel zu verstreut (Einleitung und Conclusion). Fraglich finde ich auch, ob man wirklich einfach - ohne einen zureichenden Begriff von Messianismus und Messias zu haben - zur historischen Tagesordnung bergehen kann. Können einen wirklich die Überlegungen zum Messianismus etwa von Derrida, Agamben u.a. so völlig kalt lassen? Hier finde ich liefert das Buch viel zu wenig Ertrag. Der Autor kommt bei einer allgemeinen und abstrakten Einschätzung nicht hinaus. Auch ist man entsetzt darüber, dass der Autor so wenige bibliographische Angaben macht. Am Ende jedes Kapitels sind nur verschwindend wenige Titel genannt. Positiv bleibt jedoch: es ist das erste Buch seit Aeshcolys Versuch von 1956. Daher freundliche 4 Sterne, da man materialreich und kenntnisreich aber philosophisch ein wenig naiv bedient wird. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. the jewish messiahs Von James Rowland The Jewish Messiah is a wonderfully informative book packed into one volume. Though, not light reading. One can pick it up and start anywhere and be drawn in. The level of research and care is very deep and should be a addition to any Jewish library or those interested in a subject beyond that of Jesus.

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