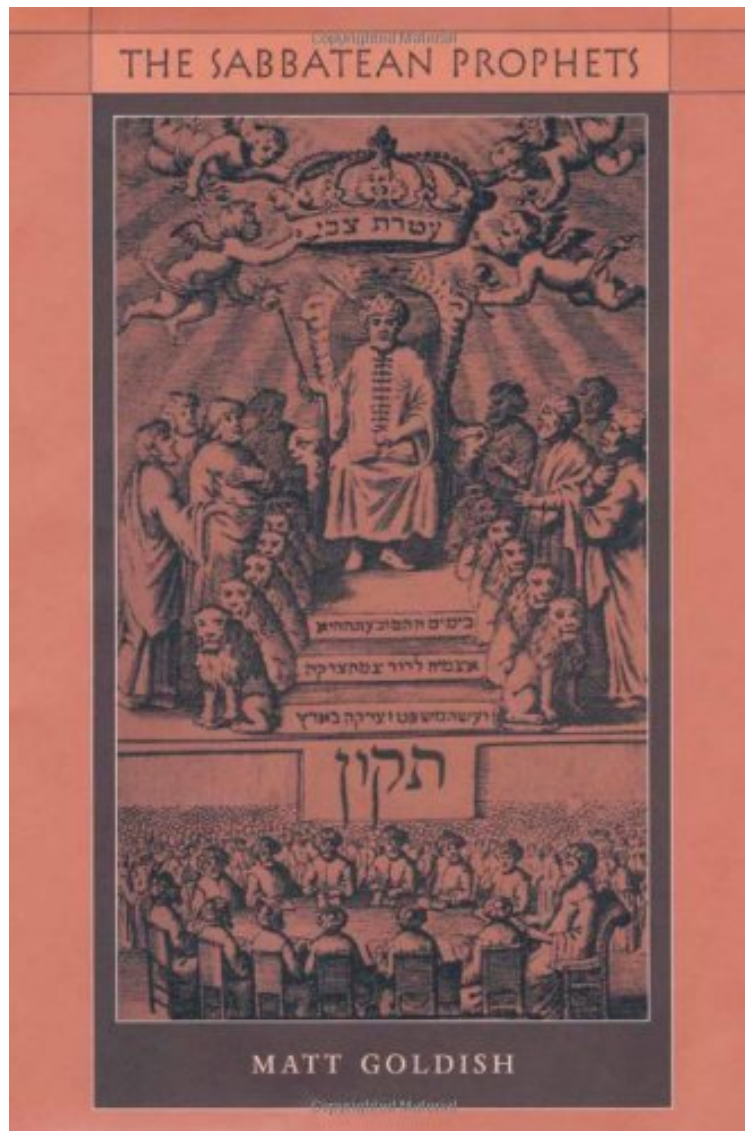


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sabbatai Zvi im Kontext des gesamteuropischen Enthusiasmus. Von H. Gebauer Matt Goldish vor allem bekannt ber seine Arbeiten zu "Newton and the Kabbalah" oder zu den Conversos bzw. Marranen, legt hier ein interessantes und uerst przises Buch vor, dass die blinden Flecken auf Scholems monumentaler Landkarte zu bearbeiten versucht. Wie Goldish

schreibt: "What has been missing from the literature is an attempt to retell the story of Sabbatai Zvi's movement of 1665-1666 in the larger historical context and a reckoning with some criticism leveled at Scholem" (p XI). Und weiter über das Ziel der Abhandlung: "My goal is to supply this wider view, with a focus on the role of the 17th century ideas to the rise of Sabbateanism, especially those about prophecy in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim worlds" (ebd.) "Prophecy" versteht Goldish im weitesten Sinne als eine Erfahrung, die als direkte Kommunikation mit Gott wahrgenommen wird. Er gliedert diese Erfahrung ein, in das, was frühere Autoren (etwa Michael Heyd's "Be sober and reasonable" (Leiden 1995)) als Enthusiasmus bezeichnet haben. Fazit das Buch ist eine außerordentlich genaue und quellsichere Abhandlung, die sich keinen Leichtsinn oder Eitelkeit erlaubt. Keine einfache Aufgabe bei diesem schweren und unzugänglichen Thema. Daher: 5 Sterne.

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Goldish...succeeds in going well beyond the foundational work of previous scholars. He achieves this not by uncovering hitherto unknown Sabbatean texts, but by significantly widening the lens through which the Sabbatean messianic phenomenon is viewed, taking his readers on a fascinating voyage through the turbulent worlds of 17th-century religious enthusiasm and prophetic millenarian thought--Christian, Muslim and Jewish...Aside from vividly describing, and explaining the widespread belief in, Sabbatean messianic prophecies, this book refines both the timeline of Sabbateanism's spread and the exact nature of its heresy...Unlike [Richard] Popkin, Goldish can ably decipher the most arcane Hebrew and Aramaic mystical sources; and unlike the famously imaginative and anti-historicist [Moshe] Idel, Goldish brings the sensibilities of the sober historian to his finely nuanced readings of them. The Rabbinical Sages always have insisted that the wisdom of successive generations of Judaic scholars is in perpetual decline. This exciting new book suggests quite the contrary.--Allan Nadler "Forward" (07/09/2004)

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