
This impressive one-volume dictionary offers researchers a breadth of information through entries written by leading scholars from across the many disciplines that inform Jewish studies. Through its wide-ranging articles this work effectively explains both the spiritual and intellectual underpinnings of Judaism and Jewish culture. It offers in-depth information on events, extensive biographical articles, and a wealth of material on Jewish history and culture. The dictionary spans many eras, presents international perspectives, and thoroughly addresses politics, art, gender, history, literature, religion, and philosophy. Oriented to both beginning and expert researchers, this concise volume meets the needs of everyone interested in learning more about the Jewish experience from the ancient Near East to the present day. Its balanced range of entries make it a particularly solid point of entry for students just beginning to explore this area of study. Maps, color illustrations, and indexes of subjects and names are featured. Summing Up: Recommended. Lower-division undergraduates and above; general readers. - - L. Lampert, California State University--Northridge