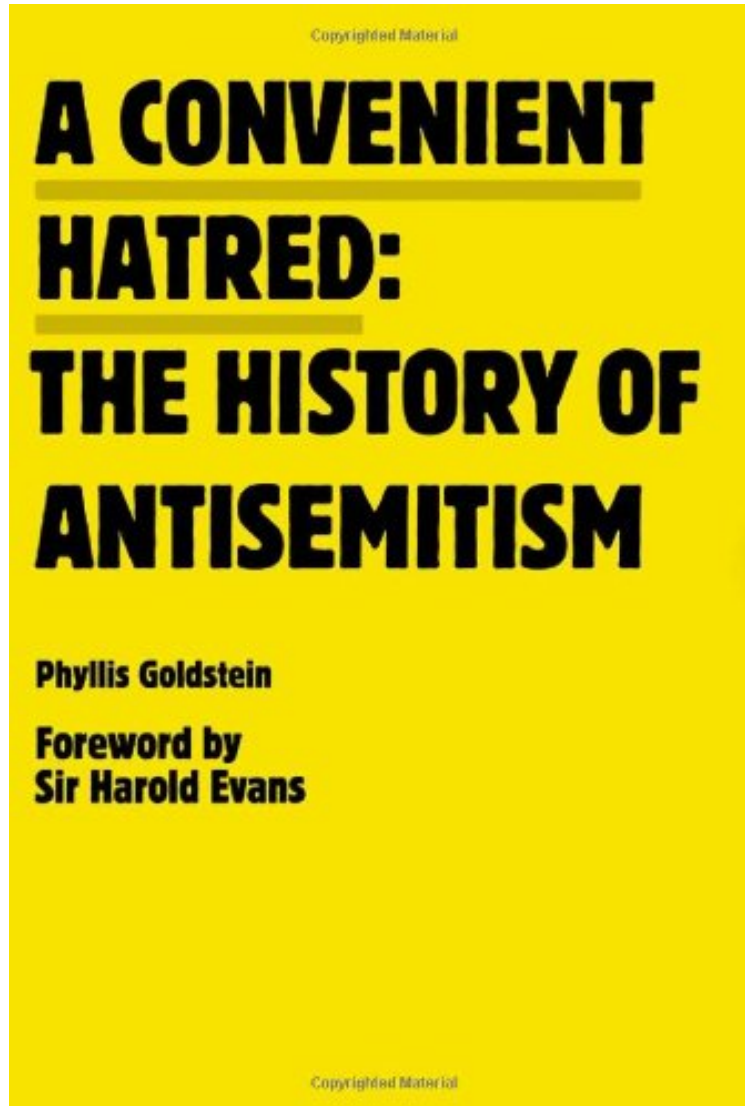


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Phyllis Goldstein : A Convenient Hatred: The History of Antisemitism before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Convenient Hatred: The History of Antisemitism:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I have come to my own conclusion of why Jews are so hated throughout history and it's not because of jealousy or ...By MeadowfieldsA well researched history of Jewish hatred without pulling punches.Ms Goldstein portrays the events with an objective lens that neither lauds nor condemns the unfolding history leading to our present state of increasing anti-semitism.A lot of facts to absorb, but with many surprises of how adaptable Jews became to thwart the obstacles before them.I have come to my own conclusion of

why Jews are so hated throughout history and it's not because of jealousy or holier than thou or our different cultures, or strange rituals. I believe it's because we brought ethics and morality into a pagan world who still thinks it's a burden on our natural instincts to do mischief and not have to answer to a higher authority. We were commanded to be a light unto the nations and to be a congregation of priests. For many that's a burden too hard to bear and resent the Jews for spreading the tenets of the laws of Sinai.

57 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book not only of antisemitism but world history

By Al Frank I am almost half way through the book (~350 readable pages) and started reading this only 2 days ago. I consider myself a slow reader but this book and subject matter is very interesting and reads easily. I never understood why the world hates Jews no matter where they are, who they are, or what they do but this book explains it clearly using historical documents and eyewitness accounts. This book does a great job of showing exactly where the hatred and antisemitism started, how it evolved, how and why it was and continues to be perpetuated. If I were a member of the school board, this is a book that I would make required reading for every high schooler. Any one with an interest in either world history, history of antisemitism, and even history of Israel would appreciate having read it.

Phyllis Goldstein has written one of the best history books in my opinion.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Important Book on Antisemitism

By Lynn Ellingwood This is a very thorough book on the history of antisemitism. It documents how long it has existed and the toll it has caused those who are Jewish. I was surprised how clear and concise it is and somewhat clear headed about its causes. It also highlights how Jews have struggled to exist and their desire to thrive has been. Today antisemitism raises its head when people need a scapegoat or struggle with the existence of Judaism. I think in the U.S. right now our government is full of white nationalists and rallies have been filled with people chanting antisemitic views. It's a time to clamp down on racial and ethnic hatred .

A Convenient Hatred chronicles a very particular hatred through powerful stories that allow readers to see themselves in the tarnished mirror of history. It raises important questions about the consequences of our assumptions and beliefs and the ways we, as individuals and as members of a society, make distinctions between us and them, right and wrong, good and evil. These questions are both universal and particular.

"Many of the famous villains of literature were compelling orators, as was Hitler, using the power of speech to feed their frustrations and hatred into their audiences. So long as we have language, we will have its abusers on behalf of their pernicious programs, and the need to challenge them will remain. A Convenient Hatred: The History of Antisemitism will make both a valuable and timely contribution to our understanding of this subject."-Lawrence L. Langer, author of Holocaust Testimonies: The Ruins of Memory, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism

"This book is a tour de force of one of the most intriguing and disturbing phenomena in history. Tracing the origins and evolution of antisemitism from antiquity to the present day, this book provides a well-informed, highly accessible, and admirably balanced account that should become a basic tool for educators and an essential textbook for students in all fields concerned with the humanities and social sciences."-Omer Bartov, John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History, Brown University

"Facing History has done a characteristically masterful job in exploring antisemitism from ancient times to its current manifestation in a clear and lucid way accessible to students and their parents and to all concerned about the all too enduring quality of what has been termed "the longest hatred."- Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University in Los Angeles

"This book delineates with clarity and intelligence the long history of discrimination, insult, and assault against Jews. It makes depressing reading unless you remember what Facing History and Ourselves always remembers: that understanding the past helps us see how we can contribute to making the world better."-Anthony Appiah, Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Philosophy and the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University

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