

Works By Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, Berkowitz Peretz, Hirshbein, Leivick, and More

When it comes to Jewish literature, several renowned authors have played a significant role in preserving and reshaping the culture through their captivating works. Among these gifted writers are Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, Berkowitz Peretz, Hirshbein, Leivick, and many more.

Sholem Aleichem: The Master Storyteller

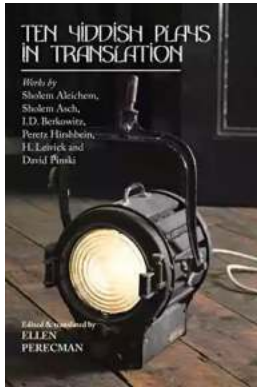
Sholem Aleichem, born as Solomon Naumovich Rabinovich, remains one of the most celebrated Yiddish authors of all time. Known for his stories about Tevye the Dairyman, which inspired the famous musical "Fiddler on the Roof," Aleichem's writings capture the essence of Jewish humor, traditions, and struggles. His ability to bring characters to life and paint vivid images of shtetl life has made his work timeless.

Sholem Asch: Challenging Boundaries

Sholem Asch, a Polish-Jewish playwright and novelist, explored themes and topics that pushed the boundaries of traditional Jewish literature. His controversial plays and novels, such as "God of Vengeance" and "East River," delved into subjects like lesbianism and Jewish assimilation. Asch's willingness to tackle taboo subjects and his unique writing style made him a polarizing figure but also a key contributor to Jewish literature.

**Ten Yiddish Plays in Translation: Works by
Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, I.D. Berkowitz,
Peretz Hirshbein, H. Leivick and David Pinski**

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Berkowitz Peretz: Poetry Filled with Passion

Berkowitz Peretz, known simply as Peretz, was a renowned Yiddish poet, writer, and playwright. His works often revolved around themes related to Jewish culture, social justice, and humanism. Peretz's poetry was known for its emotional depth and passion, touching the hearts of readers and fostering a sense of identity among Jewish communities.

Hirshbein: Revolutionizing Yiddish Theater

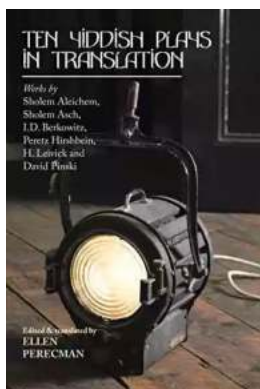
Jacob Gordin, better known by his pseudonym Hirshbein, was a significant figure in Yiddish theater and playwriting. His plays, such as "The Dreyfus Affair" and "On the Crossroads," tackled social issues and addressed the tensions between traditional Jewish values and the challenges of modernity. Hirshbein's work revolutionized Yiddish theater and brought new dimensions to Jewish storytelling.

Leivick: Vanguard of Yiddish Literature

Melech Ravitch, pen name Leivick, was a Yiddish poet, playwright, and essayist known for his romantic imagery and complex emotions. Leivick's works often delved into universal human experiences, transcending religious and cultural

boundaries. His poetry, such as "Mirage in the Garden," leaves readers captivated by the sheer beauty of his words and the depth of his insights.

These prominent authors, amongst many others, have left an indelible mark on Jewish literature. Their contributions have not only enriched the Jewish cultural heritage but also inspired generations of readers around the world. Whether through humor, controversy, or poetic expressions, the works of Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, Berkowitz Peretz, Hirshbein, Leivick, and others continue to captivate and educate, bridging gaps and fostering understanding.



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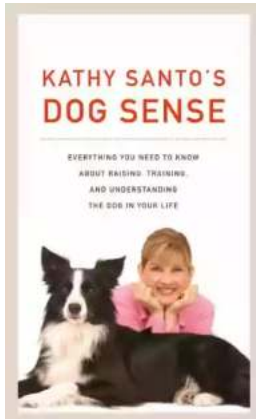
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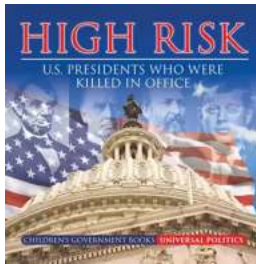
This volume includes works by six Yiddish playwrights: Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, I.D. Berkowitz, Peretz Hirshbein, H. Leivick and David Pinski. These plays were published in the first half of the 20th century, the majority between 1904 and 1923. Preliminary drafts of six of the plays were published by iUniverse in 2007 in a volume entitled Selected Yiddish Plays: Vol.1. This updated volume includes final drafts and/or full text of plays in the 2007 publication, as well as four

additional plays. With the exception of Hirshbein's 'A Dream about Time', all plays in this volume were produced in New York City between 2005 and 2015 by New Worlds Theatre Project (Producing Artistic Director, Ellen Perecman). The volume represents an effort to foster an appreciation for the literary legacy of Yiddish culture and the extent to which Yiddish literature, and Yiddish plays in particular, have enriched the international cultural and literary landscape.



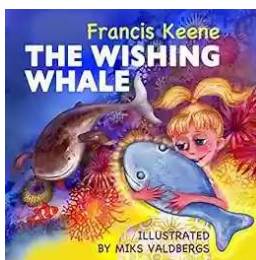
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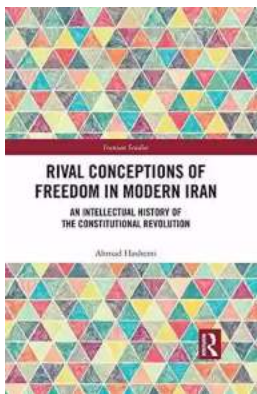
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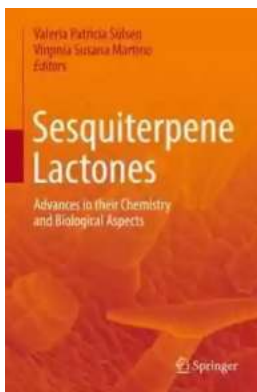
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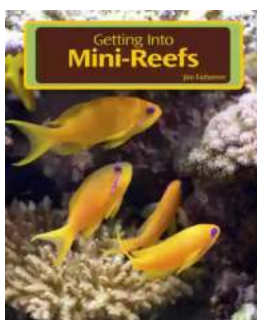
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