

## Rejected Jewish Books by Jewish Authors

**Portnoy Is No Longer Complaining:** Philip Roth writes this sequel about his hero, Alexander Portnoy, in which he has nothing to complain about. In 312 pages, Portnoy reassures us that in fact he "is fine and pretty well adjusted."

**Mein Camp:** Mel Brooks writes a "campy" version of Mein Kampf in which he desperately looks for the jokes that were unused in the Producers.

**The Red Tent:** a story of one woman's plight to stand up to her mother about the colors for her wedding canopy.

**War and a Piece of Cheesecake:** Herman Wouk's attempt to write about the Goldstein family and their fight over the last piece of cheesecake in the fridge left from Shavuoth.

**Michael and Me, the Strangest Pairing Since Borscht and Sour Cream:** Rabbi Shmuel Boteach explores the relationship he has with Michael Jackson

**In My Father's Basketball Court:** Isaac Bashevis Singer discusses how he "got schooled" by his father in a one-on-one game with his "tatti." The problem is that Singer discusses this one seven-point game for 745 pages, which makes for very boring reading.

**How High:** The unauthorized biography of Reb Shlomo Carlebach brought to you by the writers of VH1's Behind the Music.

**Chicken Schmaltz for the Soul:** A collection of vignettes about gaining weight around the Jewish holidays.

## Rejected Jewish Book Ideas from Popular Authors

John Grisham's *The Frum*.... Young JTS prodigy student gets recruited by an elite ultra-orthodox sect, only to find out he is not ready to live under all 613 mitzvot.

Stephen King's *Tallis-man*... Castle Rock, ME resident finds out he is Jewish and goes through a horrid search to find a tallis in the state in Maine. It gets gory at the end.

John Irving's *The Fourth Hand*... Halachic questions abound when a boy with two extra appendages puts on tefillin for the first time.

John Franzen's *The Corrections*... A family of biblical revisionists have to deal with Oprah Winfrey coming over for Shabbat dinner.

Dean Koontz's *One Door Away From Shamayim*.... One woman's search for aliens in the Torah.

JK Rowling's *Hershel Potter and the Moses Tablets*... Child attends *kabbalah* workshop, accompanied by his pet herring, only to discover he is a tenth generation *Kohain* without any magical powers.

Tom Clancy's *The Hunt for Red Hefer*... the greatest espionage coup in 2nd Temple history. Sean Connery searches for a perfect red cow to atone for his people's sins underwater.

Michael Crichton's *Jewrassic Park*... A group of Hassidic biochemists hide an island of dinosaurs to protect creationist theory of history.

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## New Jewish Words

**JEWBILATION** n. Pride in finding out that one's favorite celebrity is Jewish

**TORAHFIED** n. Inability to remember one's lines at one's bar or bat mitzvah.

**SANTA-SHMANTA** n. The explanation Jewish children get for why they celebrate Hanukkah while the rest of humanity celebrates Christmas.

**MATZILATION** v. Smashing a piece of matzo to bits while trying to butter it.

**CHUTZPAPA** n. A father who wakes his wife at 4:00 AM so she can change the baby's diaper.

**DISORIYENTA** n. When Aunt Sadie gets lost in a de-

partment store and strikes up a conversation with everyone she passes.

**RE-SHTETLEMENT** n. Moving from New Jersey to Florida and finding all your old neighbors live in the same condo as you.

**OYVAYSMEAR:** What one says when the cream cheese squeezes out of the bagel and falls on your clean pants.

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