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This haggadah fulfills its own stated goal of being "the essential Jewish travel guide," using the seder to transport readers from the past through the present to the future. A product of Reform Judaism, the book seeks to embrace and celebrate the "expanded" Jewish community, drawing upon the writings of female rabbis and relating Passover customs from all over the world. The book is gracefully illustrated with full-color drawings by Ruth Weisberg, and is complemented by more than 50 pages of traditional and new music. Jews who are seeking a diversity of voices and experiences at their seder will cheer the arrival of this haggadah, which reflects a fresh perspective on emancipation. 25,000 copy first printing. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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Our Seder guests really enjoyed this lovely Haggadah. The artwork is great. The print is easy to read. The transliterations make it easy for non-Hebrew-speakers to participate. And the extra quotes and explanatory sidebars give better understanding to familiar rituals and help you to interpret those rituals in a broader context. We also appreciated the incorporation of new rituals, such as Miriam's cup, and the orange on the Seder plate. We also liked having the option to choose between blessings phrased to praise G-d as either masculine or feminine.

great haggadah, really highly recommend it.

We had a copy of the haggadah. We loved the illustrations and the text. We will be using it at our family seder this Passover.

My shul used this haggadah this past Pesach and I was very impressed with it. My husband (who is not Jewish) enjoyed it so much he has suggested getting this for our house. This haggadah used gender inclusive language. The prayers were elegant and all the prayers had an English translation under them. It also has a part dedicated for Miriam's cup and beautiful sketches. The sections that had songs -- the authors thoughtfully included the page numbers so you could find the song without stumbling through the book. My favorite part of this haggadah, it had commentary from many people, even people who are not Jewish, such as Martin Luther King Jr., to help illuminate parts of the seder. The only downfall of the book is it is a bit large and a bit cumbersome, but overall, well worth it.

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