

Jewish Love Stories: A Selection

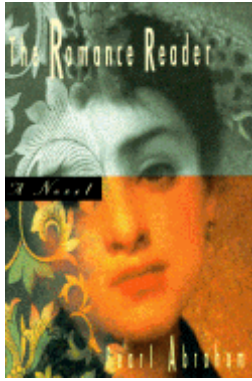
Romans d'amour Juif: Une Sélection



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Abraham, Pearl



The romance reader

F A1593r 1995

Wishing she could enjoy the freedoms and pleasures so casually enjoyed by ordinary women, orthodox rabbi's daughter Rachel anticipates her arranged marriage and imagines what her life will be like.

Giving up America

F A1593g 1998

Deena, who defied the wishes of her father, a Hasidic scholar, to marry the non-Hasidic Daniel, must come to terms with betrayals, the nature of commitment, and her own spiritual needs and values.

Alderman, Naomi

Disobedience

F A361d 2006

Learning that her orthodox Jewish rabbi father has passed away, Manhattan single woman Ronit Krushka returns to the home she fled years earlier and reconnects with a beloved cousin and a forbidden childhood sweetheart, only to become a threat to her former community.

Blair, Leona

A World of Difference

F B6352wo 1989

The love between Connor Mackenzie and Georgia Brandon is forbidden by Georgia's wealthy father, who sets out to keep the lovers apart and separates them on two continents.

A Woman's place

F B6352w 1981

The Fursten family survives the Holocaust and the Six Day War to establish a successful American business empire and a vigorous branch of the family in Israel.

With this ring

F B6352wi 1984

A powerful American dynasty is caught in dramatic conflicts of love, honor, and divided loyalties, in an epic saga that moves from turn-of-the-century New York to Hitler's Berlin, and from England in the twenties to wartime France.

Blank, Melissa

The Wonder spot

F B2182w 2005

Struggling with ambivalent feelings toward the passions and identities that are important to other members of her Jewish Pennsylvania family, Sophie Applebaum makes observations about her family life over the course of twenty years.



Chapman, Myriam

Why she married him

F C466w 2005

Set in Paris in the early 1900s, the novel depicts a Russian Jewish émigré coming of age. The story begins in 1912, just after the wedding of Nina Chaimovna Schavranski and Abraham Podselver. Nina seems more resigned than happy. All her longing is for another man, Sasha, and as the book unfolds, we learn the story of how Nina came to marry a man she does not love.



Cohen, Paula Marantz

Jane Austen in Boca

F C67852j 2002

A witty send-up of *Pride and Prejudice* set in a Florida retirement village follows a circle of retirees on a hilarious voyage of love and manners.

Courter, Gay

Flowers in the blood

F C863f 1990

An epic novel of a Jewish family living in Victorian India explores the opium-laced opulence and illicit activities of nineteenth-century Calcutta.

Denker, Henry

Horowitz & Mrs. Washington

F D394h 1979

When his bravado lands him in the hospital with a stroke, seventy-two-year-old Samuel Horowitz, who is intolerant of all races and creeds not his own, wages war against Mrs. Washington, the Black physical therapist hired to care for him.

Payment in full

F D394p 1991

A young Jewish couple vows to raise an eight-year-old black girl true to her own culture and heritage, in a novel about racial prejudice and intolerance.

A Place for Kathy

F D394pL 1997

Having lost her hemophiliac husband to a brain hemorrhage only to discover that she has contracted AIDS from him, Grace sets out to try to find a future home for her twelve-year-old daughter Kathy, in this story of loss and hope.

Ellis, Julie

Glorious morning

F E4722 1982

A young woman flees from turn-of-the-century Poland and pursues a brilliant stage career in the United States after an unsuccessful love affair in London.

No greater love

F E4722n 1991

Katie Freeman leaves New York's tenements with Harry Newhouse for the boomtowns of 1920s Texas to make a fortune that brings her passion, triumph, and tragedy, as she lives through five decades of American history.

Trespassing hearts

F E4722t 1992

Left alone and pregnant on the homefront by her Gentile husband, Jewish woman Betsey Bernstein is determined to raise her baby in the Jewish faith, but she meets stiff resistance in her unstable, socialite, non-Jewish mother-in-law.

Elon, Emunah

If you awaken love: a novel

F E483i 2007

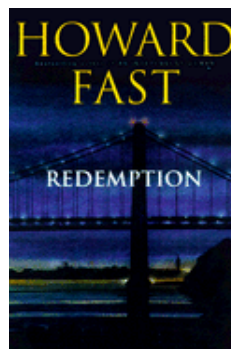
Forty-year-old interior designer Shlomtzion Drove is forced to confront her former fiance, Yair Berman, a prominent rabbi, after her daughter becomes engaged to his son.

Fast, Howard

Redemption

F F251r 1999

Finding a love that he has never known with much younger Elizabeth, a woman he saved from killing herself, seventy-eight-year-old Ike Goldman is stunned when she is arrested for her husband's murder, in an intricately woven tapestry of suspense, love, and revenge.



Freeman, Cynthia

Always and forever

F F855a 1990

In love with dedicated physician David Kahn but married to his dashing, wealthy cousin Phil, Kathy Ross finds her happiness undermined by her husband's infidelities and her continuing love for David.

The days of winter

F F855d 1978

A family saga and tumultuous love story involving a well-born and socially prominent British Jew, a girl in Bucharest who is patronized by royalty, his disapproving family, and her fierce, humane determination.

No time for tears

F F855n 1981

Seeking freedom and the reunion of her family, Chava, a young Russian-Jewish girl, the matriarch of her family at an early age, emigrates first to Palestine, then to London, and finally to New York and its diamond district.



Gilmore, Jennifer

Golden country

F G4882g 2006

Traces the lives of three Jewish-American families through four decades in the twentieth century, told through the experiences of such characters as gangster-turned-Broadway producer Seymour, salesman and innovator Joseph, and actor Frances Gold.

Goldstein, Rebecca

The mind-body problem : a novel

F G6245m 1983

During her college years, Renee Feuer, the product of a strict Orthodox Jewish household, works at liberating herself from the prohibitions of her upbringing, seeking freedom of the body and mind, and eventually marries Noah Himmel, a mathematical genius.

Goodman, Allegra

The family Markowitz

F G6532f 1996

Told through weddings, deaths, academic conferences, and dreams, the uniquely humorous story of three generations of Markowitzes is revealed, creating a familial world of conflict, confusion, and love.

Paradise park

F G6532p 2001

After being abandoned by her boyfriend in Honolulu, the irrepressible Sharon Spiegelman embarks on a spiritual quest in search of enlightenment, a journey that takes her from the Greater Love Salvation Church and the Consciousness Meditation Center back to Judaism and to true love.

Harris, Norma

Trumpets of Silver

F H3155 1990

From the prejudice and pogroms of czarist Russia to the poverty of New York, and from the violence and hatred of World War II to the founding of Israel, the three children of Schmuel Kaminsky carve out their separate destinies.

Hellman, Aviva

Somebody please love me

F H4773s 1984

Glamorous and successful, thirty-seven-year-old high-fashion model Cat Willingham must come to terms with the impact of aging and with her career decline, origins, daughter, life, and love.

Horn, Dara

In the image: a novel

F H8135i 2002

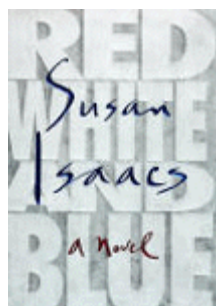
Losing a friend in high school, Leora continues on to college, her career, and falling in love, while her lost friend's grandfather, Bill, remembers his experiences in Amsterdam and Austria.

Isaacs, Susan

Close relations

F I73c 1980

The best speechwriter in New York, Marcia Green seems to have it all, except for a husband and children, but she is not looking for commitment and is certainly not in search of a wealthy, Harvard-educated man who is every mother's dream--but the course of romance is extremely unpredictable.



Red, white and blue

F I73r 1998

On a mission to infiltrate an armed, anti-Semitic, white supremacist group, FBI agent Charlie Blair--who possesses a deeply buried Jewish heritage--meets journalist Lauren Miller, hired by the "Jewish News" to investigate the group and seeking answers to her own questions about her own Jewish legacy.

Shining through

F I73s 1988

The ordinary life of legal secretary Linda Voss explodes into passion with her handsome boss and into danger as an OSS spy caught in the heart of Nazi Germany.

Katkov, Norman

The Judas kiss

F K197 1991

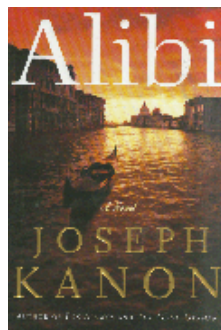
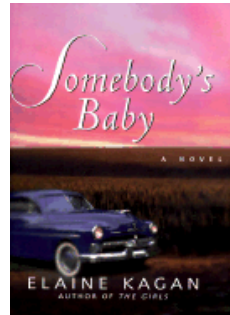
When Hitler marches into Austria, Carly Siefermann finds her love for Nick Gallanz, a Jewish architect, threatened, and she reluctantly agrees to marry a Nazi official in exchange for Nick's freedom.

Kagan, Elaine

Somebody's baby

F K115s 1998

A story of ill-fated love spanning three decades begins in 1959 when a teenaged girl, the child of Orthodox Jewish parents living in an affluent Kansas neighborhood, sets eyes on a young, pugilistic drifter from California.



Kanon, Joseph

Alibi

M K167aL 2005

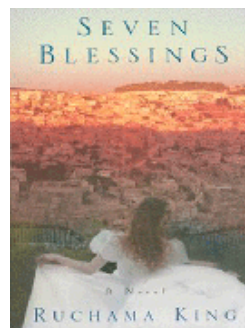
In a historical thriller set in postwar Venice, Adam Miller, a U.S. Army war crimes investigator, confronts a city still at war with itself and haunted by the atrocities of the recent past when he falls in love with a Jewish woman.

King, Ruchama

Seven blessings

F K543s 2003

Relocating to Jerusalem's Orthodox community, five Jewish singles come to terms with how the study of Torah affects an individual's feelings about romantic intimacy and marriage.

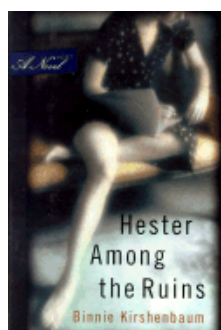


Kirshenbaum, Binnie

An almost perfect moment

F K611a 2004

A dark and sharply comic novel set in the 1970s, on the cusp of the great age of Disco, and in a part of Brooklyn far from Manhattan, where a pretty fifteen-year-old Jewish girl experiences life amidst a colourful world of star-crossed lovers, sagacious mothers, and doctrines of the divine.



Hester among the ruins

F K611he 2002

Heading to Munich to research the life of German Everyman Heinrich Falk, New Yorker Hester Rosenfeld falls in love with Falk, but when she investigates his family's history and its connection to Nazism, she is forced to reexamine her feelings about her parents--Jewish immigrants from Germany--and her attraction to Falk.

Krauss, Nicole

The history of love

F K91h 2005

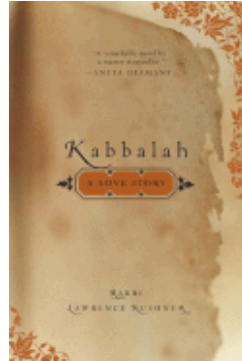
Sixty years after a book's publication, its author remembers his lost love and missing son, while a teenage girl named for one of the book's characters seeks her namesake, as well as a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness.

Kushner, Lawrence

Kaballah a love story

F K972k 2006

When an ancient text containing the answer to one of the eternal questions of the heart falls into the hands of Rabbi Kalman Stern, his life is transformed by his encounter with astronomer Isabel Benveniste, but he is unable to let true love into his life until he discovers the life-altering secret of the Zohar.



Langer, Adam

The Washington story : a novel in five spheres

F L276w 2005

Chicago high-school sweethearts Jill and Muley share triumphs and despair over the course of five years that are marked by such events as the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger and the return of Halley's comet.

Leahy, Syrell Rogovin

Circle of Love

F L434c 1980

A woman haunted by her past in Nazi-occupied Europe embarks on a desperate search, years later, for the handsome resistance fighter with whom she shared a brief but passionate idyll.

Family Ties

F L434f 1982

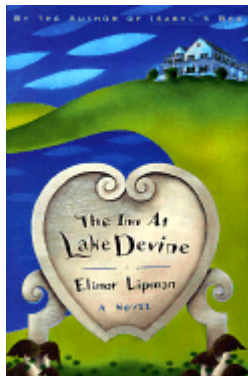
A young Jewish woman flees from the love of her first cousin and from the tragic secret of her family's past and, in Paris, meets an older, wiser man--also linked to her childhood.

Lerner, Tobsha

The witch of Cologne

F L438w 2005

A sensuous Jewish midwife is persecuted by the Spanish Inquisition, a chief rabbi is forced to choose between his daughter and his people, and an inquisitor harbors a deeply personal reason for seeking the midwife's condemnation.



Lipman, Eleanor

The Inn at Lake Devine

F L764in 1998

When her mother receives a notice about a Vermont inn that caters especially to non-Jewish guests, Natalie Marx becomes obsessed with the once-restricted, family-owned resort and wangles an invitation to join a friend on a vacation there.

Melman, Peter Charles

Landsman: a novel

F M5273L 2006

In 1861, fleeing a murder charge in New Orleans, twenty-year-old Elias Abrams joins the Confederate Army, where he witnesses the horrors of war and falls in love with Nora Bloom, a young Jewish woman encouraged by her rabbi to correspond with a soldier.

Metzger, Deena

What Dinah thought

F M5962 1989

A Jewish-American filmmaker, Dina Z., courts danger in Israel when she falls for a Palestinian activist and reawakens Dinah, her biblical ancestress, who suffered a tragic fate for the crime of loving the wrong man.

Mirvis, Tova

The outside world

F M6762o 2004

Follows the courtship and marriage of two people, Bryan who astonishes his family by rejecting their way of life in favor of a strict Orthodox lifestyle, and Tzippy, who longs to escape the expectations of familial obligation.



Mortman, Doris

First born

F M8885f 1987

This story of love, loss, and ambition traces the intertwined lives of four cousins--Cissie Kahn, Frankie Travis, Jinx Kipling, and Becco Ross.

Plain, Belva

Evergreen

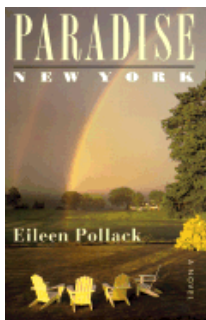
F P6983e 1978

A young Polish immigrant woman, in love with the scion of the German-Jewish banking family for which she works as a maid, marries fellow immigrant Joseph Friedman and lifts him from poverty to a real-estate fortune by one act of illicit passion.

The golden cup

F P6983g 1986

In this magnificent return to the world of Evergreen, Henrietta Roth, an extraordinary woman, fights to control her destiny; and three turbulent generations come vividly to life against a background of Jewish immigrant struggle, war, and passion.



Pollack, Eileen

Paradise, New York

F P771p 1998

Trying to keep her family's Catskill resort solvent, Lucy Appelbaum copes with interference from her family, incensed at her love for a black handyman, from a nearby Hasid, from elderly Communists leading a hotel strike, and from her opinionated staff.

Ramback, Peggy

Fighting gravity

F R1672f 2001

Sparks fly when a nineteen-year-old Jewish college student falls for a hard-drinking, twice divorced, fortysomething Catholic man, in a novel that chronicles the ever-evolving relationship of a seemingly mismatched couple.

Ragen, Naomi

Chains Around the Grass

F R141c 2002

After David Markowitz, a first-generation Jewish immigrant, is conned into making a bad investment that leaves his family bankrupt, he dies suddenly, leaving his wife, Ruth, to find a way to survive and keep the family together.

Jephte's daughter

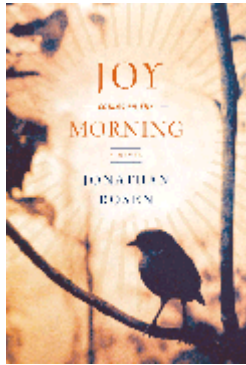
F R141 1989

Batsheva Ha-Levi, a beautiful and intelligent American Orthodox Jew, struggles to forge her way in a tangle of old world ways and her own aspirations and desires.

Sotah

F R141s 1992

Dissatisfied with her arranged marriage, beautiful Dina Reich flirts with a charismatic married man and finds herself condemned by Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Jewish community.



Rosen, Jonathan

Joy comes in the morning

F R8137e 1997

Wrestling with the contradictions in her life, rabbi Deborah Green discovers a world of tragedy, madness, love, and redemption when she encounters Henry Friedman, a Holocaust survivor who had attempted suicide.

Rozier, Gilles

Love without resistance

F R893L 2005

An examination of love under extreme conditions and about human frailty in a society occupied by the enemy.

Shalev, Meir

The loves of Judith

F S5282L 1999

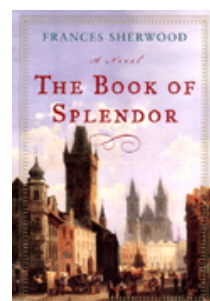
Zayde Rabinovitch relates the story of his mother, Judith, the three men who loved her, and the mystery surrounding his paternity.

Sherwood, Frances

The book of splendour

F S5545b 2002

Rochel, an illegitimate seamstress, escapes the travails of poverty through an arranged marriage to the tailor Zev, but finds herself falling in love with Yossel, the Golem created by Rabbi Loew to protect the Jewish community of Prague.

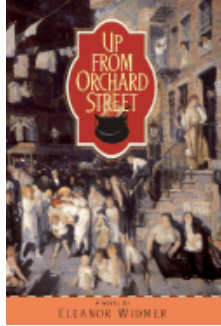


Silber, Joan

In the City

F S5824i 1987

In 1920's Greenwich Village, Pauline Samuels, a recent high school graduate from Newark with bohemian aspirations and romantic dreams, throws herself into, and out of, two disastrous love affairs, and experiences sexual, political, and psychological awakening.



Widmer, Eleanor

Up from Orchard Street

F W641u 2005

A story of a Russian-Jewish immigrant family living on New York's Lower East Side follows the lives of three generations of Roths, from Manya, the long-widowed matriarch and heart of the family, to her granddaughter Elka.

Wouk, Herman

Margorie Morningstar

F W938m 1955

A young Jewish girl experiences love, pain, and disappointment in the struggle to become an actress.

Zimler, Richard

Guardian of the dawn

F Z71g 2005

In late-sixteenth-century Goa, young Tiago Zarco confronts the long reach of the Inquisition as he fights to save his family and preserve his relationship with the Hindu girl he loves.

EN FRANÇAIS

Barreau, Jean-Claude

Oublier Jérusalem: roman

FR B271o 1989

Version moderne et multiraciale de Roméo et Juliette. Il est Juif; elle est Palestinienne. Les services secrets israéliens s'intéressent à leurs amours: favoriseront-ils ou non leur fuite vers des cieux moins troublés que ceux de Jérusalem? Intérêt humain plus que littéraire.

Bellow, Saul; traduit de l'anglais par Rémy Lambrechts

Une affinité véritable : roman

FR B448af 1998

Évocation ironique des milieux juifs des affaires à Chicago. Mais surtout une histoire d'amour de jeunesse, tardivement vécue, sur fond d'espionnage érotique.

Colwin, Laurie; traduit de l'anglais (américain) par Anne Berton

Famille, tracas & cie

FR C727f 2005

Jane Louise, 40 ans, issue d'une famille juive quelque peu nomade, vient d'épouser Teddy, membre d'une grande famille de la Nouvelle-Angleterre. Mais un mariage heureux, un mari charmant et un travail créatif ne mettent pas à l'abri des questions existentielles.



Graves, Lucia; traduit de l'anglais par **Béatrice Dunner**

La maison de la mémoire

FR G776m 2004

Voici un moment passionnant et crucial de notre histoire : en 1492, en vertu d'un édit royal, les juifs d'Espagne qui refusent la conversion au catholicisme doivent partir pour l'exil. Lucia Graves raconte la séparation ainsi imposée à deux amoureux.

Titre original: The memory house.

Halter, Marek

Bethsabée : ou l'éloge de l'adultère

FR H197b 2006

David, le roi d'Israël veut comme maîtresse la très belle Bethsabée, l'épouse d'un de ses généraux fidèles qui se bat pour son royaume. Elle cède, fascinée par son désir.

Tsippora : roman

FR H197t 2003

Il y a plus de trois mille ans, une enfant noire est recueillie au bord de la mer Rouge. On l'appelle Tsippora, l'"Oiseau". La couleur de sa peau a déjà décidé de son avenir: nul ne la voudra pour épouse. Un jour, pourtant, près d'un puits, un homme la regarde comme aucun autre. Il s'appelle Moïse et fuit l'Égypte.

Joffo, Joseph

Tendre été

FR J64t 1981

Par un romancier à succès, un autre récit plein de charme et de simplicité, avec de multiples péripéties. Sujet: les amours adolescentes d'un fils de paysan avec la fille d'un châtelain juif. Les écuries brûler ont, le jeune couple fera une fugue, etc., mais rien de grave ne viendra troubler le romantisme gai de "Tendre été."

Kahn, Michèle

Shanghai-la-juive

FR K12s 1998

De 1938 à nos jours, en suivant un journaliste autrichien juif, l'histoire révélatrice d'un séjour prolongé, en cette ville de rêve à l'époque. Un récit foisonnant et dynamique autour du personnage, de ses amours et de ses aventures.

Kokantzes, Nikos A.; traduit du grec et postfacé par **Michel Volkovitch**

Gioconda : récit

FR K787g 2002

Une belle histoire d'amour sur fond tragique: le drame de la communauté juive de Salonique exterminée durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale.

Levy Mossanen, Dora; traduit de l'anglais par **Claude Seban**

Harem

FRLT L6685h 2006

L'histoire de trois générations de femmes juives, en Perse, au 14e siècle, à l'époque où Tamerlan menace le royaume. Un roman dans la droite ligne des contes des 'Mille et une nuits.'

Lindgren, Torgny; traduit du suédois par Marc de Gouvenain et Lena Grumbach.

Bethsabée : roman

FR L745b 1986

Des prix littéraires français attribués en 1986, celui-ci est sans doute le mieux mérité. En effet, ce roman (le second de l'auteur) a obtenu le prix Femina étranger. Il dépeint la vie à la cour du roi David et son amour pour la "presque effroyablement belle" et trop parfaite Bethsabée enlevée à Urie son époux. Un grand roman biblique sur l'amour, la sensualité, la puissance du Seigneur, la mort et le pouvoir.

Nemirovsky, Irene

Les chiens et les loups : roman

FR N434c 2004

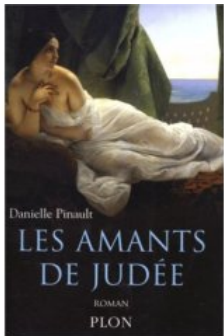
Deux jeunes Juifs, Ada, une artiste révoltée, et Harry, un riche banquier, sont les deux facettes d'une même personne. Tragiquement attirés l'un vers l'autre, rien ne peut les réunir, si ce n'est le sentiment de leur propre perte.

Park, Jacqueline; traduit de l'anglais par Daniel Lemoine

Le livre secret de Grazia dei Rossi

FR P2351L 2000

Fille d'un banquier juif de Mantoue, Grazia dei Rossi tombe amoureuse de Pirro Gonzaga, cousin de la puissante Isabella d'Este. Dans l'Italie de la fin de la Renaissance, divisée, livrée aux intrigues et aux trahisons, menacée par les invasions, cet amour impossible entre une jeune Juive et un noble chrétien est l'âme du "Livre secret de Grazia dei Rossi". Titre original: The secret book of Grazia dei Rossi.



Pinault, Danielle

Les amants de Judée : roman

FR P646a 2005

Sara, jeune Juive déjà veuve à l'âge de quinze ans, quitte Béthanie de Judée pour rejoindre sa mère à Jéricho. Elle croise Lucius, un légionnaire romain. Un amour interdit naît entre la jeune fille et le légionnaire.

Plain, Belva

À l'aube l'espoir se lève aussi ; traduit de l'anglais par Jean Autret.

FR P6981a 1995

Les conséquences tragiques d'un échange de bébés à la maternité avec une incidence juive. Mélo à souhait.

Sholem Aleichem

Buzie : ou Le Cantique des cantiques; traduit par Jacques Tournier d'après la version anglaise de Curt Leviant

FR A366b 2000

Tout le monde, au village, croit que Shimek et Buzie sont frère et soeur. Mais pourquoi, se demande Shimek, n'a-t-il plus d'appétit si Buzie n'est pas là lorsqu'il rentre de l'école ? Et pourquoi, lorsqu'elle apparaît, tout devient-il lumineux ? Et pourquoi, lorsqu'elle lui parle, baisse-t-il les yeux ? Et pourquoi ne peut-il faire entendre son coeur qu'à travers les versets du Cantique des cantiques qu'il apprend à l'école rabbinique ? L'histoire de ce jeune garçon amoureux de sa nièce est à la fois drôle, émouvante et fascinante. Racontée en quatre parties, qui sont comme un reflet des quatre saisons, elle évoque, à travers ses traditions et ses fêtes rituelles, l'univers disparu des Juifs d'Europe de l'Est. Inédit en français, ce petit roman est sans doute " la plus belle histoire d'amour de la littérature yiddish."

Singer, Isaac Bashevis

Ennemies, une histoire d'amour; traduit de l'américain par Gilles Chahine avec la collaboration de Marie-Pierre Castelnau.

FR S617e 1980

Un roman à la fois tendre et dur (1972) de l'écrivain juif, Prix Nobel 1978. Un homme dramatiquement confronté à trois femmes, la première qu'il croyait morte dans l'"holocauste", la deuxième qu'il a épousée et la troisième, veuve et amante. Un quatuor où l'harmonie n'est pas accordée.

Singer, Israël Joshua; traduit de l'anglais par Anne Rabinovitch

Yoshe le fou

FR S6171y 1984

Vaste saga qui se déroule sur une cinquantaine d'années, dans la ville de Lodz. Obéissant à la pression familiale, la tendre et fragile Dinelé a été contrainte d'épouser un des frères Ashkenazi, alors qu'elle était éprise de l'autre. Un imbroglio amoureux dont aucun ne sortira indemne.

Titre original: Yoshe Kalb.

Väiner, Arkadi et Gueorgui Väiner; traduit du russe par Pierre Léon

La corde et la Pierre

FR V1313c 2006

À Moscou en 1978, Aliocha Epantchine, fils d'un général sanguinaire de Staline, vivote misérablement. Il n'y a que l'amour passionné pour Ula, une belle étudiante juive, qui le tient encore en vie. Ula est hantée par un souvenir sanglant.

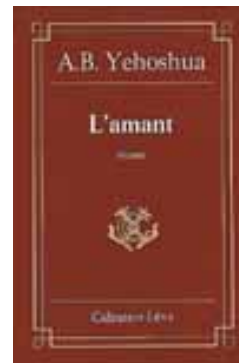
Yehoshua, Abraham B; traduction de l'hébreu par

Francine Levy, révisée par Clarisse Cohen.

La mariée libérée

FR Y43ma 2003

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