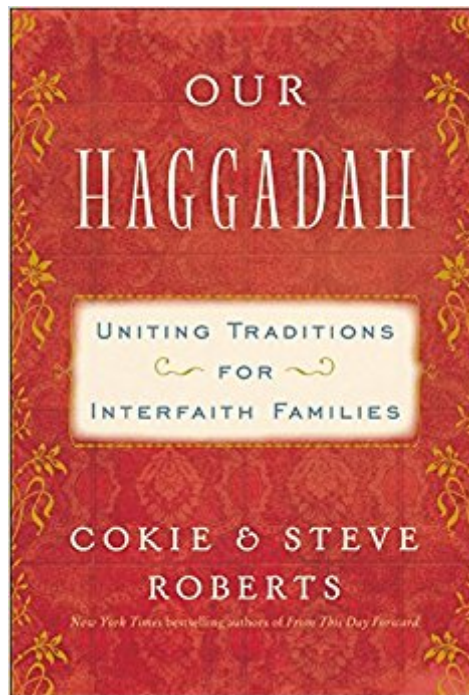




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# Our Haggadah: Uniting Traditions For Interfaith Families



## Synopsis

New York Times bestsellers Cokie Roberts and Steven V. Roberts offer a unique, personalized vision of the traditional Passover Haggadah, combining their own family traditions with favorites from other families in a fun, intimate guide written especially for couples of mixed faiths. A fresh and informative tour through the rituals of the Pesach Seder as well as a compelling rendition of the Exodus story, *Our Haggadah* is the perfect book for any interfaith family celebrating Passover. Readers of the couple's compelling account of their marriage, *From This Day Forward* ("Instructive and inspiring" • "New York Times Book Review") as well as Cokie Roberts' *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* and Steven V. Roberts' *My Father's Houses*, will be enthralled by this glimpse into the couple's inclusive Passover rituals.

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"With this participatory and egalitarian handbook, the Robertses create a virtual seat at their seder table. . . . the Robertses provide an inclusive guide that extends beyond Passover to address interfaith unions." • (Washington Post) "Cokie and Steve Roberts have written a book that's at once a practical, accessible haggadah for Passover and a roadmap of sorts for other interfaith couples grappling with the task of raising a family with two different religions." • (J Weekly) "[A] Haggadah that all can use and understand. . . . An excellent resource for interfaith families and anyone who needs a basic introduction to Passover traditions." • (Booklist)

New York Times bestselling authors and journalists Cokie and Steve Roberts share their Passover

traditions in this engaging version of the Haggadah for couples and families of mixed faiths. When they met more than forty years ago, Cokie and Steve Roberts found common ground in their shared values, despite their different religious beliefs. Choosing to honor both of their faiths and traditions, they began hosting a Passover Seder that has evolved from a small family gathering to a veritable event celebrated with loved ones from all walks of life. Based on the time-honored Haggadahâthe text read throughout the evening that gives order to the ritual mealâOur Haggadah is a practical guide for interfaith families, whether they're celebrating their very first Passover or starting a new tradition. Originally composed on a typewriter and stapled together, Our Haggadah has been the Roberts family's handbook for each Seder and comes from years of adapting and expanding their Seders to welcome all who wish to take part in the celebration. From finding a Seder plate to preparing traditional and nontraditional foods, from the customary prayers to new ways for guests to participate, Cokie and Steve share their special approach to the holiday and the lessons they've learned over the years as an interfaith couple.

My husband and I have both been studying Hebrew and Judaism. We have not quite implemented a total ultra Conservative lifestyle, but are following the rules as we can learn them. SO reading Steve and Cokie's book has blessed us greatly, giving us the gentle forgiveness needed for going slowly, and as we can. Passover meant so much more to us this year, and this is the first time the computer has been on since then, and the first time I have written to anyone. Thank you Cokie and Steve, for such a beautiful book explaining so gently how you combined and melded your lives together. We have been married 20 years and are making this journey together and found your book a treasure of combining, mixing, blending, understanding the two religions....all coming from the one God, the God of Abraham, I do believe we will all get THERE in the end. I know my hubby and I will, with the blessing of this gentle sweet book. It will be my treasure for the rest of my life. And yes we have bought the books on , and will buy more as we go along, but this special book will be a resource forever. Their explanations bring in history and love at the same time. I recommend it for all spiritually minded folk, Jew and non, and especially interfaith families. I can see no more God-like way to bring a lifetime of joy to all. I never believed God wanted to beat love into us, and the Roberts have shone a way that paints word pictures showing one families journey of loving each other, family, friends, and above all our Lord God.

While anyone who has participated in a Seder knows what a Haggdah is, the Roberts have wrapped the Exodus story around their longtime romance - bringing family together ... and

eventually over 3 dozen friends to the annual event. So the book has 3 good parts - 1) the Roberts love story - and travelogue; 2) the Exodus story told in the Haggadah; and 3) recipes(!). I recommend it to any reader interested in any or all of the 3 parts!

I enjoyed this book because Cokie shows how two people coming from two different religions can flourish in their love for each other because they respect each other and each other's family. So many people today are so fundamentalist in their religion that they close their eyes to the good things in other religions. By looking down on other religions and not trying to understand other people and their beliefs, they betray what their own religion is trying to tell them-that they should respect and care about all people. Cokie and Steve show us the wisdom of love and respect in a marriage and in all parts of their lives.

This is a lovely book that emphasizes the ways in which we agree in the experience of a Passover Seder. It is easy to read and helpful, and comes with many historical notes which provides additional meaning to the readings. I wish I had this book when we first started our family seder after we were married. But we will enjoy using it now that our children are older and can appreciate the openness of this Haggadah and the sharing of this special time of our dinner at home with friends and family. I do wish it came as a paperback though so that it would be easier to hold open.

My husband and I are not Jewish but this book made me want to host a Seder. Passover is a very detailed celebration and I don't think I would do it justice so now I'll just be hoping to someday get invited to one :) The underlying message of inclusion and the celebration of freedom is one many people can relate to so non-Jewish readers might still find it interesting.

This was a wonderful read and gave wonderful examples of how to modernize the Seder nights and make it really fun. I was able to relate to so many ideas and did put them to use just this past Passover. It's amazing how you can change something so traditional, yet keep it warm and inviting, and making it a new tradition. Thank you so much Cokie and Steve!!!

what a great way to teach about a religion that most Jews and Non Jews do not know. Instead of writing a fact, it explains the reasons for the tradition. I would recommend it to everyone who has a curiosity about this holiday,

this was written with the style and flair that is indicative of Cokie and Steves brilliant minds and great wit. It not only gives the basics for the Passover but in such a way that it presents a clever story line. I would read can labels if they were written by there two beautiful and intelligent people

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