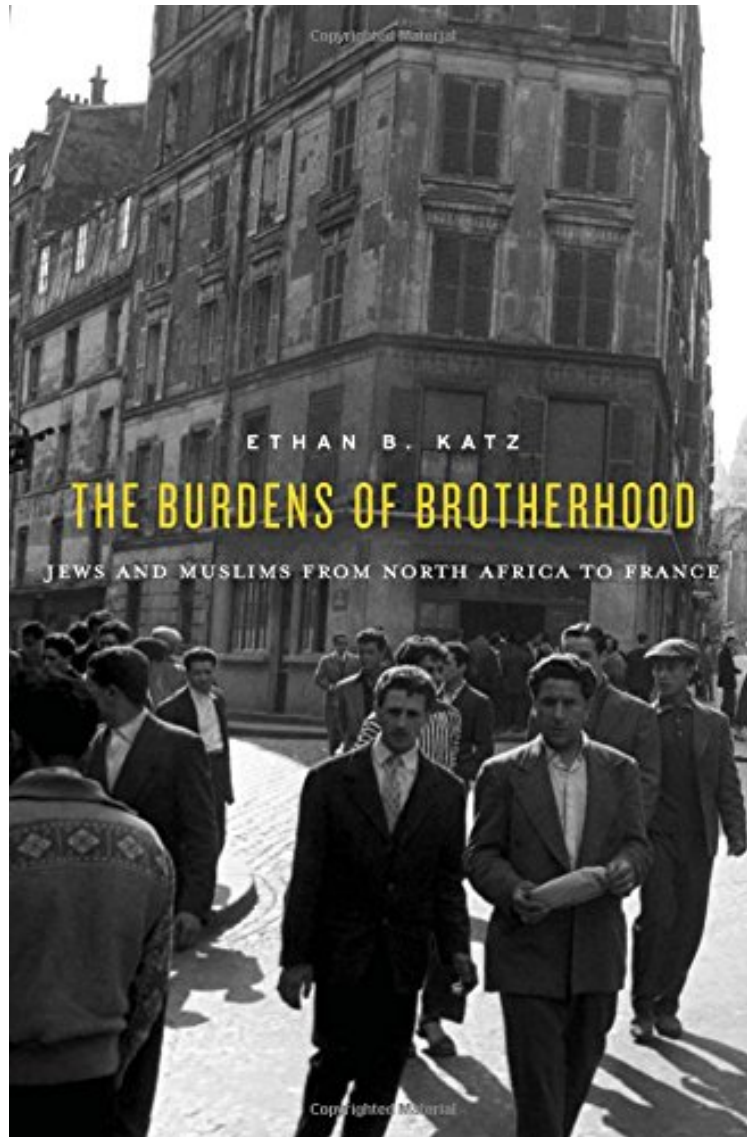


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Ethan B. Katz : The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims from North Africa to France before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims from North Africa to France:

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found the following review helpful. Excellent research, excellent read!By Erin CorberEthan Katz's outstanding monograph is a timely and thoughtful reflection on the working and imagined relationships between Jews and Muslims in France and North Africa in the Twentieth century. It is not unimportant that days after the attacks on Paris on 13 November 2015, representatives of the Parisian Jewish community stood in solidarity with Muslims, at a memorial service outside the Bataclan night club, to disavow hate. Katz's fascinating book demonstrates the myriad ways in which Jewish and Muslim lives have interacted and intersected, and in often surprising ways, and convincingly argues "Jewish" and "Muslim" have been highly amorphous, contingent, ever-shifting categories in modern France, constructed from both outside and within."In a climate of rising Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and more general xenophobia on national and global levels, this is a welcome contribution to both academic and public discourses on diversity and diaspora.As a fellow historian of modern France and French Jewry, I can say this book advances the field in a number of ways but above all - by gracefully recasting French history beyond the hexagon. More than a simple colonial story, North Africa and France emerge together holistically in Katz's narrative a geographic, economic, cultural, and imaginary world shared by diverse peoples and networks across the Mediterranean. As such, his characters - Jews, Muslims, and other Frenchmen come across as complex and, frankly, intriguing in ways not often showcased in scholarship that overlooks the global France at the heart of Katz's research.Beyond its many scholarly strengths, this book is an exceptionally good read. Each chapter explores a conflict or turning point in modern French history into which Katz draws his readers. Katz uses a variety of sources to build his stories, bringing readers even closer to the individuals and families that drive this narrative. Of particular note to my own interests was the author's discussion of Jews and Muslims under the Vichy regime during the Second World War. Katz also does an extraordinary job of explaining the complexities of the Algerian war and decolonization, and the dilemmas these events posed for Jews and Muslims from North Africa as well as mainland France.This book is an interesting and enjoyable book for specialists and non-specialists alike, and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in the history of France and her colonies, Jews and/or Muslims, or Twentieth century history, more generally.

Headlines from France suggest that Muslims have renewed an age-old struggle against Jews and that the two groups are once more inevitably at odds. But the past tells a different story. *The Burdens of Brotherhood* is a sweeping history of Jews and Muslims in France from World War I to the present. Here Ethan Katz introduces a richer and more complex world that offers fresh perspective for understanding the opportunities and challenges in France today.Focusing on the experiences of ordinary people, Katz shows how Jewish-Muslim relations were shaped by everyday encounters and by perceptions of deeply rooted collective similarities or differences. We meet Jews and Muslims advocating common and divergent political visions, enjoying common culinary and musical traditions, and interacting on more intimate terms as neighbors, friends, enemies, and even lovers and family members. Drawing upon dozens of archives, newspapers, and interviews, Katz tackles controversial subjects like Muslim collaboration and resistance during World War II and the Holocaust, Jewish participation in French colonialism, the international impact of the Israeli-Arab conflict, and contemporary Muslim antisemitism in France.We see how Jews and Muslims, as ethno-religious minorities, understood and related to one another through their respective relationships to the French state and society. Through their eyes, we see colonial France as a multiethnic, multireligious society more open to public displays of difference than its postcolonial successor. This book thus dramatically reconceives the meaning and history not only of Jewish-Muslim relations but ultimately of modern France itself.

Winner of the American Library in Paris Book AwardWinner of the J. Russell Major Prize for the Best Book in French HistoryWinner of the 2015 National Jewish Book Award for Writing Based on Archival MaterialWinner of the 2016 David H. Pinkney Prize for the Best Book in French History Thought-provoking Katz has uncovered fascinating stories of interactions between Muslims and Jews in France and French colonial North Africa over the past 100 years that defy our expectations His insights are absolutely relevant for understanding such recent trends as rising anti-Semitism among French Muslims, rising Islamophobia among French Jews and, to a lesser degree, rising rates of aliyah from France If it's the current crisis that is of interest, this book is more than worth your time *The Burdens of Brotherhood* is an important book because it gives us new ways of thinking about Muslims and Jews in France, as well as for what it tells us about the French policies that, too often over the past century, stigmatized, excluded and triangulated in the name of secularism, democracy and social peace.Lisa M. Leff, Haaretz. Katz has written a compelling, important, and timely history of Jewish/Muslim relations in France since 1914 that investigates the ways and venues in which Muslims and Jews interacted in metropolitan France This insightful, well-researched, and elegantly written book is mandatory reading for scholars of the subject and for those approaching it for the first time.J. Haus, ChoiceA compelling analysis on the complicated--and often fraught--relationship of Jews and Muslims vis--vis France from the late 19th century to the present day... Katz's narrative argues that Jews and Muslims may have spent a considerable portion of French history in constant opposition to each other. However, he also points out that they've fought side-by-side as soldiers in war, formed close bonding friendships, lived peacefully in the same neighborhoods, and even become lovers at times too. (J. P. O'Malley, *The Times of Israel*) Katz's great strength is the richness of his

examples, his empathy toward his subjects, and the nearly epic breadth of his research. Unsurprisingly, his narrative includes no shortage of interethnic violence...But for each conflict, Katz also brings his readers to a smoky Parisian caf, a Marseille grocery store selling Algerian products, or a soccer club in the working-class suburb of Cronenbourg, where relations between French Jews and Muslims may have been complicated or unequal but were also characterized by tolerance, mutual support, human decency, and genuine affection...Katz is far too careful a historian to countenance unchecked nostalgia, so such examples effectively serve to unearth a textured, complicated, and intertwined history that is consistently ignored or even erased by the upholders of today's brutish binaries. (Joshua Schreier, *Jewish History*) A stunningly complex history that unsettles many of our certitudes about Muslim-Jewish relations...Over the past 150 years, Katz argues, the shared history of Muslims, Jews and the French has deeply shaped, and often scarred, all three parties to this triangular and peculiar relationship. But as Katz reveals, it is a history that need not have turned out the way it did...Katz's book offers not only a powerful counter-narrative to the story we now tell ourselves about Jewish-Muslim relations in France, but also a reason to hope that other narratives might still unfold. (Robert Zaretsky, *The Jewish Daily Forward*) A detailed, informative, and often colorful look at the ever-changing relationship between France's predominant non-Christian immigrant minorities. (Publishers Weekly 2015-11-13) From the Back Cover This is a thoroughly researched and thoughtfully composed exploration of a challenging subject: the relations between French Muslims and French Jews across the turbulent and painful history of France in the twentieth century. Katz's sensitive analysis is made possible by his deep engagement with new and provocative archival material and his broad familiarity with a wide range of published sources. His book exemplifies the best aspects of recent work on Jews and Muslims in Europe. (Joshua Cole, University of Michigan) This courageous book addresses the very contentious debate on Muslim-Jewish relations that has divided both scholars and the wider public. Katz powerfully and convincingly challenges conventional understandings of the issue by proposing that there were multiple ways in which Jews and Muslims have interacted in France through the course of the twentieth century. (Daniel Schroeter, University of Minnesota) About the Author Ethan B. Katz is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati.