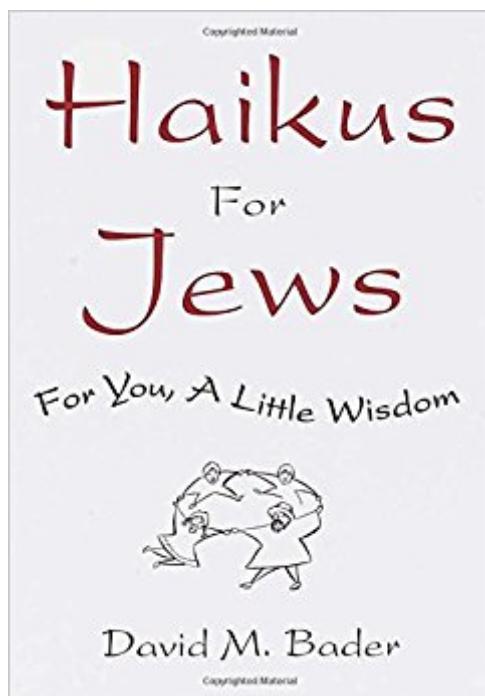


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"Of all the many forms of Jewish-Japanese poetry, the Jewish haiku is perhaps the most sublimely beautiful," begins the foreword to the wickedly funny and tirelessly bizarre Haikus for Jews by David M. Bader. If you can't abide a little fun with stereotypes, read another book. But if you don't mind a little ribbing, take a look at the following haiku, which gives only a mild taste of the yummy-as-lox treats gathered in this collection: "Jewish voodoo tip -- / mention an acting career, / then watch for chest pain." And if you liked that, you'll love this: "Lightbulb out again -- / how many of us must meet / to change it this time?" And they just keep getting better.

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I have loved all kinds of poetry most of my life but my favorite forms are the Japanese haiku and senryu. I have collected numerous haiku and senryu poetry volumes over the years, and even though I am not Jewish I decided to purchase this humorous (Haikus for Jews: For you, a little wisdom by David M. Bader) little 104 page hardback book. I was familiar with most of the Jewish terms because I have many Jewish friends where I live and found this book to be an amusing and fun book to read. The bond between Jewish humor and Japanese haiku make a perfect fit because the Haiku poetry form can easily be applied to a wide variety of nationalities and topics. A couple of examples of the haiku in this book is as follows: New at Oys ÄfÄ¢Ä Ä¬Ä Ä“RÄfÄ¢Ä Ä¬Ä Ä• us! Jewish triathlon Hypochondriac Barbie gin rummy, then contract bridge, Has a gout attack. Followed by a nap. If you are Jewish this is a must book to read. If you love haiku you should also check out this humorous and entertaining little volume. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Zen Poetry Moments: Haiku and Senryu for special occasions).

Cute and clever, but really short and really expensive for the length and breadth of the work. Bader's other work, The Story of Murray, is a brilliant original Jewish parody. If you have to choose, I'd recommend reading the Story of Murray. Otherwise, If you're stuck for a gift for a Jewish poetry lover, I can see it bring greatly appreciated.

Funneeee integration of Zen and poetry with Jewish humor

A clever and witty little book. Much of the Haiku pokes fun at some well known Yiddish and Jewish

phrasing and is an example of the ability to poke fun at oneself... which lends insightful humor and charm to this small gem of a book. A perfect gift for those who are familiar with Jewish culture and traditions. Short and sweet.

I have bought several copies of this funny little book, as giveaways to Jewish friends.

You like poetry? Maybe buy this book, why not. It's not terrible.

Funny, but too short. By the time you get into it, it's over and you feel like you were left wanting

Marvelous finesse and subtlety.

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