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This Companion explores the history, doctrines, divisions, and contemporary condition of Judaism. Surveys those issues most relevant to Judaic life today: ethics, feminism, politics, and constructive theology. Explores the definition of Judaism and its formative history. Makes sense of the diverse data of an ancient and enduring faith.