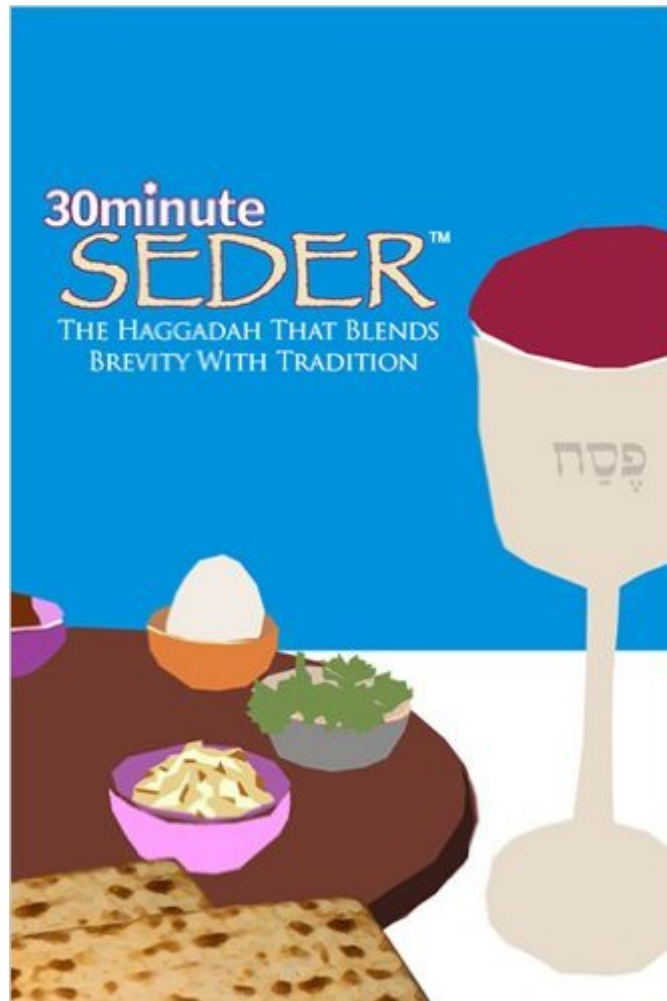


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a perfect introduction for children

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Customer Reviews

We usually attend someone else's Passover, but last year the plan changed and I was thrust into the role of Leader of the Seder. We are not a very religious group (some of us are not even Jewish) so we were seeking an experience that would be respectful of tradition and the meaning of Passover while not giving us more detail than we wanted. We did not want some sort of new-age "Passover for Dummies" where the significance and essence of the holiday and its history are dumbed down or lost. We found that this "30 Minute Seder" Haggadah provided exactly the right balance for us. I did not time how long our Seder took, but it was more than 30 minutes. We didn't dawdle or digress much. Mercifully, we didn't sing most of the songs. We did, however, read aloud every word of text. I recommend that you get started at least 45 minutes before you want to begin eating. If you visit the author's website ([...] [just google 30 Minute Seder - you'll find it immediately]), you can closely examine the Haggadah's content. You can also download the Haggadah there and print it yourself, but with the price of inkjet ink being what it is, it would almost certainly be cheaper to order the printed version if you need more than 4 or 5 of them. If you're pressed for time and have full color cartridges, the website gives you helpful, detailed printing instructions. I didn't find out until the last minute that I was doing Passover last year, so I had to choose this option. Once I discovered that I needed to select the "Borderless" checkbox from my print setup (i.e. printer margins set to zero), all proceeded smoothly. Our Seder was interesting, educational and fun for all

concerned. Much of the credit for that goes to the "30 Minute Seder".

All I can say is that this 30 minute Seder Haggadah is just perfect. It's simple, easy to understand and great for busy homes. This is the second time we used the haggadah and allowed us to enjoy the whole experience. Doesn't skimp on the important parts, provides good explanation and allows everyone to participate. I recommend it whole heartily and I think it's perfect for families with small children who need to move through the telling fast.

My father always led the family Seder. He used an old-school Haggadah (very lengthy), but when the tradition of leading the Seder was passed along to the next generation (my brother and I), we found the old Haggadah too involved. Unlike our father, who knew exactly where to go in the old Haggadah to cover the key parts of the Seder, we spent way too much time searching for what we wanted (and unfortunately, missing much of what we wanted, too). After this experience, I went on-line looking for a simpler Haggadah. I found this one, with a number of good reviews. I ordered one copy, and after looking through it, I have now ordered 15 more. The Haggadah covers the key parts of the Seder, with an emphasis on explanations of the symbolism and meaning of the things covered in the Seder. For our family, not well-versed in the intricacies of our religion, but certainly wanting to keep this tradition alive, this Haggadah is just right.

Reading print gets harder the older we get. This haggadah can be printed in large print from the publisher's website. Buy it there to print as many copies as you like for one price. Besides the accessibility, this is the best of all the haggadot I have purchased. It is short but it isn't sexist like the Maxwell House haggadah. Not only do we love the clear, concise nature of this haggadah, the fact that grandpa and other elders can actually read their own copy of the haggadah is a huge plus. It is now even available in braille, which makes it one of the few truly accessible print options for people with any level of vision loss.

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my son, who had converted to Judaism. He expressed he would like to host a Seder. I've been to a formal one before, and it is QUITE long. After he looked through this book on Christmas morning, he told me it was really, really great. It contained all the proper elements of the seder in a simplified, yet religiously correct format. He's looking forward to using it this upcoming Pesech.

I was looking for a Passover celebration that was short and sweet and that is exactly what I got in this book. It also gave web sites I could go to and find more info if I needed it. All in all it was exactly what I was looking for and it was the right price. Roxie

Not really enough Jewish holiday feel in this book. I guess it supposed to appeal to kids so there are a lot of childish photos in it that don't appeal to me. I think it is a little lacking in a spiritual/Jewish feeling.

The 30 minute seder is not terrible in terms of hitting the highlights of the seder.....however, brief is an understatement. This is a pamphlet, not even a booklet. My major complaint is that \$6.95 is a lot of money for a pamphlet. Just download the Maxwell House Haggadah for free.

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