

A Rabbi Reads the Torah by Jonathan Magonet.
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This worthy successor to Rabbi Magonet's A Rabbi Reads the Bible and A Rabbi Reads the Psalms, is a superb collection of fifty two musings on aspects of the Torah, book by book and portion by portion in chronological order. The origin of the material lies in a series of radio broadcasts delivered by Jonathan Magonet over a number of years in Germany.

None of the fifty two chapters is especially long, though a few are shorter than others, but each contains thoughtful and wise analysis, a beautiful use of language, and the potential to inform and educate.

A Rabbi Reads the Torah would make a perfect gift for anyone who is Jewishly engaged, as well as for non-Jews keen to experience a master-interpreter's Jewish perspectives on the Pentateuch. It would work very well for a book club, or study group, or even as an alternative to the actual Torah reading on a Shabbat morning!

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