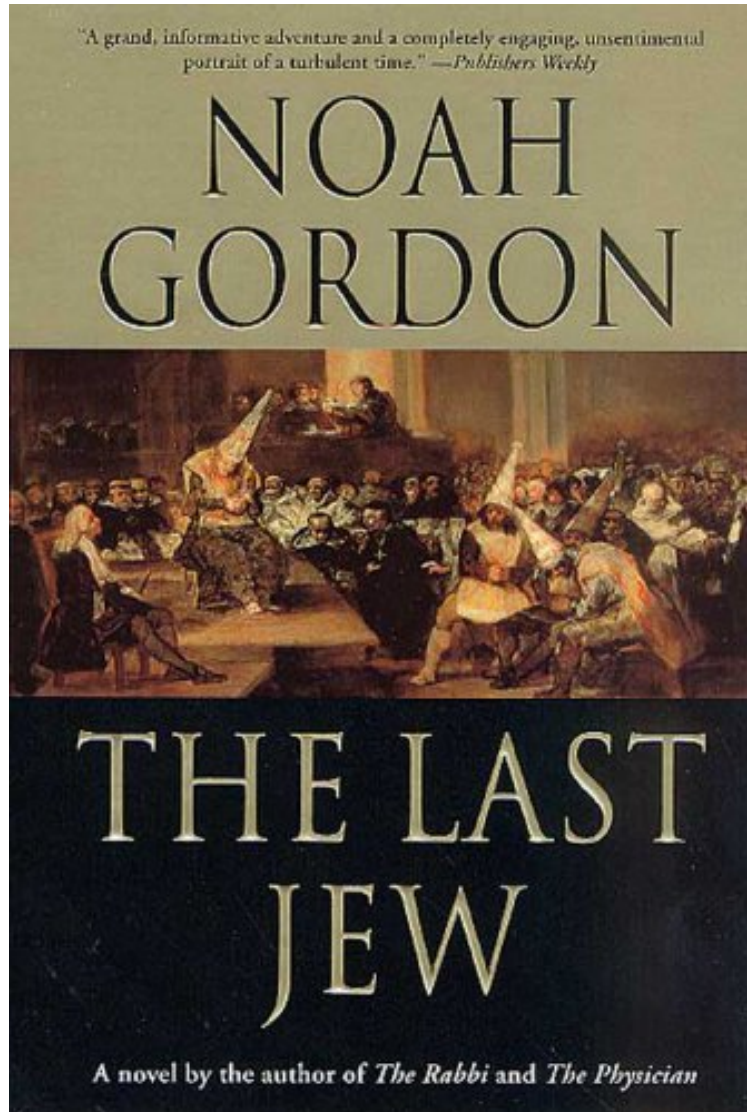


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**Von Noah Gordon : The Last Jew: A Novel of The Spanish Inquisition** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Last Jew: A Novel of The Spanish Inquisition:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eindrucksvolles Buch!! Von Bernard P. Die Geschichte vom jdischen Yonah zur Zeit der spanischen Inquisition hat mich sehr stark beeindruckt. Besondere Parallelen zum "Medicus" habe ich dabei nicht feststellen können, da der Gesamtkontext doch zu anders ist. Besonders beeindruckend fand ich - neben seinen Wanderungen durch Spanien - , wie Yonah seinem Glauben stets treu blieb obwohl er sein Jdisch-Sein verstecken musste, und wie er durch seine

Ttigkeit als Mediziner zu sich selbst fand und dabei lernte, alte Hagefhle zu berwinden. Interessant fand ich auch einige Charaktere, denen Yonah auf seiner Wanderung durch Spanien begegnete, wie zum Beispiel Mingo, dem Roma. Auerdem lernt man etwas ber die Geschichte Spaniens, das Judentum und der Ttigkeit des Mediziners im Mittelalter. Ein toller Roman und ein Geschichtsbuch in einem! "Der letzte Jude" (Medicus von Saragossa) hat mich fast ein wenig mehr beeindruckt als "Der Medicus". 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An interesting story well told about medieval Spain. Von Peter Berlin This is the second book I have read by Gordon, The Medicus being the first. I really enjoyed the first one because it is an excellent story and provides as a background the medieval Europe. I think this is Gordon's masterpiece which he will find hard to top. The Last Jew only describes medieval Spain at the end of the 15th century when the Spanish monarchs decided to expel all Jews from Spain. This is the story of a Jewish boy who lost his family during this time through anti-semitic attacks. He somehow is able to survive by posing as a new Christian. He never loses his faith, however. The plot is well told and interesting enough to keep you turning the pages. For Yonah, the Jew who is the last one in Spain, everything has sort of a happy ending. He finds the woman he loves and is able to keep his Jewish faith at least within his family. Till he gets to this point, however, there are many adventures to survive and more than once he can only escape by a narrow margin. This may not be the greatest novel ever written, but is well plotted and written and you learn quite a bit about the Spain of the time and the everyday anti-semitism Jews had to face at that time. I do recommend it if you enjoy historical novels and want to learn about everyday life of Jews in the Middle Ages. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nice! but lacks suspense and depth of description!! Von Guido Stinne I just finished reading; the book was alright, but it was easy to put aside for later reading. Only in the end one comes to a point, where you want to know how it gets on, before that there are just some nice adventures, put loosely one after the other. What disturbed me just as much: I never got a real feeling how it would have been to live in that time; the descriptions always stayed on the surface.

**Kurzbeschreibung** In the year 1492, the Inquisition has all of Spain in its grip. After centuries of pogrom-like riots encouraged by the Church, the Jews - who have been an important part of Spanish life since the days of the Romans - are expelled from the country by royal edict. Many who wish to remain are intimidated by Church and Crown and become Catholics, but several hundred thousand choose to retain their religion and depart; given little time to flee, some perish even before they can escape from Spain. Yonah Toledano, the 15-year-old son of a celebrated Spanish silversmith, has seen his father and brother die during these terrible days - victims whose murders go almost unnoticed in a time of mass upheaval. Trapped in Spain by circumstances, he is determined to honor the memory of his family by remaining a Jew. On a donkey named Moise, Yonah begins a meandering journey, a young fugitive zigzagging across the vastness of Spain. Toiling at manual labor, he desperately tries to cling to his memories of a vanished culture. As a lonely shepherd on a mountaintop he hurls snatches of almost forgotten Hebrew at the stars, as an apprentice armorer he learns to fight like a Christian knight. Finally, as a man living in a time and land where danger from the Inquisition is everywhere, he deals with the questions that mark his past. How he discovers the answers, how he finds his way to a singular and strong Marrano woman, how he achieves a life with the outer persona of a respected Old Christian physician and the inner life of a secret Jew, is the fabric of this novel. The Last Jew is a glimpse of the past, an authentic tale of high adventure, and a tender and unforgettable love story. In it, Noah Gordon utilizes his greatest strengths, and the result is remarkable and moving. **Pressestimmen** A completely engaging, unsentimental portrait of a turbulent time (- Publisher's Weekly) **Werbetext\*** Set at the time of the Spanish Inquisition, all Jews are to be exiled from Spain. Orphaned Yonah manages to stay and learn physician's skills from a mentor.