


## The Book in the Jewish World, 1700-1900 (Paperback)

By Zeev Gries

Liverpool University Press, United Kingdom, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. New edition. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book offers the reader a voyage in the new world that opened up to the enlightened Jewish reader of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a time when the first glimmerings of emancipation and secular education were giving large numbers of Jews their first exposure to science, literature, and art, and opening their minds to new ideas. And as on any voyage led by a knowledgeable guide, there are fascinating side-trips along the way: insights into the world of scholarship, then and now, and into the nature of knowledge. All this was happening at a time when Jews civil status and place in society was undergoing great change in Europe. In this seminal work, Zeev Gries shows that although the history of the book in the Jewish world has long been regarded as the province of librarians and bibliophiles, it is in fact the history of the Jewish intellect. He starts by tracing the awakening of a dormant Jewish intelligentsia-men, women, and children who were thirsty for knowledge. Books were the magic kiss that opened new doors to the modern world; within a...

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