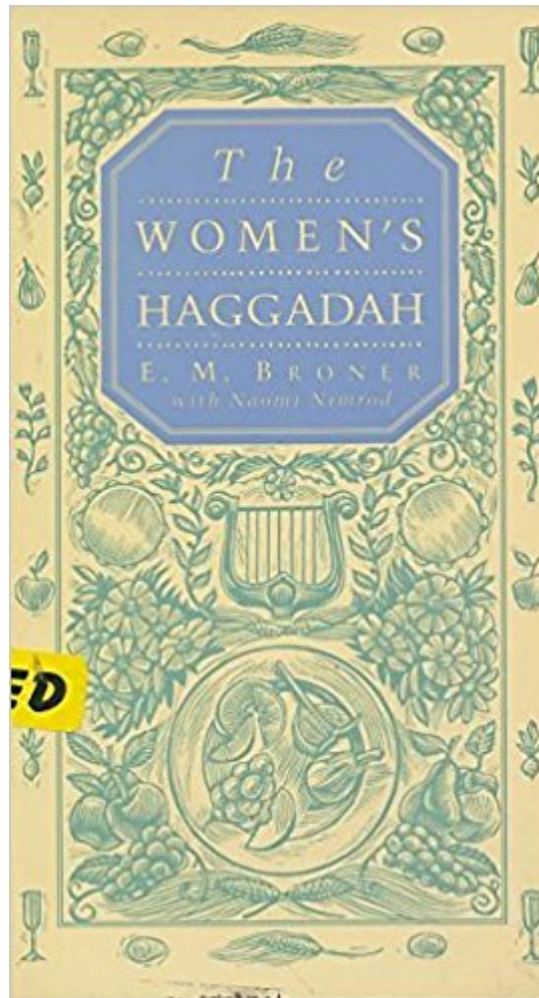




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Synopsis

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This was a wonderful opportunity for a group of intelligent and charismatic women to correct our traditions with a balanced perspective. But, alas, they chose to make a haggadah that excluded men entirely. I don't want a matriarchy or a patriarchy! I want a free exchange between equals. They should have read Simone de Beauvoir before writing this. Too bad!

I find this book illuminating though it is such a departure from the traditional that people sometimes balk. Change is hard.

This may have been a revolutionary document back in the 1970's, but I was looking for a working haggadah, one that had feminist ideology. This was more about the women's movement, and empowerment of women than it was a useful source for adding women-friendly sentiments to

modernize a traditional seder.

This book is a must-read for Jewish feminists (or feminist Jews) of all stripes. Broner provides the text of the haggadah from the feminist seder that she created, with friends, several years ago; it can serve as a great set of guidelines for those interested in creating their own feminist seder, or simply in understanding a different perspective on the Passover tradition. I'm particularly impressed with some of the readings and prayers in Broner's liturgy, which are appropriate to add to a "traditional" seder, if you want to add some women's voices to the men's voices that are traditionally heard. I spent five years working on, and eventually coordinating, the Feminist Seder at Williams College; Broner's book was an inspiration to me. Good stuff.

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