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great book

The book provides the contours of the Jewish identity, religious philosophy, customs and ethics touching upon many aspects I didn't know and correcting some of my existing understandings. My knowledge of the Judaism was limited to a few keywords such as Kosher (of course!), Shabbat, Torah, Passover etc. After this reading exercise I think it has gotten a bit better; my understanding of why pork is not eaten is now corrected; understand that shellfish is non-kosher; that switching on the light during Shabbat may be offensive to orthodox Jews; that after-life and other related metaphysical concepts are loosely defined; that the much awaited messiah is not a divine form, but a leader among the people; where Talmud, Neviim, Ketuvim fits in within the structure of the

scriptures; history of the various festivals and many more. I was alternating between this book and wikipedia which has a very well written section on Judaism.

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