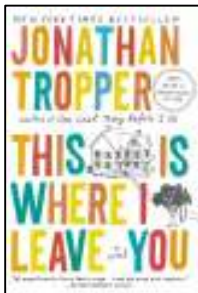


SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND BOOK CLUB

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***This is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper (2010)**

Simultaneously mourning the loss of his father and his marriage, Judd Foxman must sit shiva with his dysfunctional family for seven days and nights, a situation that spins out of control, especially when Judd's cheating wife reveals that she is pregnant.

MORE BY TROPPER:

***One Last Thing Before I Go* (2012)**

Struggling with his ex-wife's imminent marriage to a nice guy and his Princeton-bound daughter's unplanned pregnancy, a bewildered Drew Silver tackles difficult family dynamics and refuses to undergo a life-saving operation.

***How to Talk to a Widower* (2007)**

Twenty-nine-year-old widower Doug Parker finds his life spiraling out of control as he struggles to come to terms with grief, love, family, and suburbia while dealing with a bossy, pregnant twin sister who urges him to begin dating again, a younger sister planning her wedding, a mother dealing with her ailing husband, and a hostile teenage stepson.

***Everything Changes* (2005)**

As his wedding day approaches, Zachary King, a man with a lucrative job, rent-free Manhattan apartment, and stunning fiancée, begins to wonder if his entire life might be a big mistake, doubts that are only enhanced by the arrival of Norm, Zack's freewheeling, overbearing father, after a twenty-year absence.

***The Book of Joe* (2004)**

After writing a novel that lampooned nearly everyone in his hometown, Joe Goffman is forced to return to Bush Falls, Connecticut to care for his father and discovers that people have not forgotten the indignities he heaped upon them.

***Plan B* (2000)**

A group of "thirtysomethings" rally around a friend with a serious cocaine addiction, learning important lessons about the unpredictability of life and love, adulthood, and the universal merits of Star Wars.

READ-A-LIKES

If you liked *This is Where I Leave You*, try . . .

***The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg**

Two siblings with very different personalities attempt to take control of their mother's food obsession and massive weight gain to save her life after their father walks out and leaves her reeling in the Chicago suburbs.

***The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green* by Joshua Braff**

Jacob Green, a young Jewish boy growing up in 1970s suburban New Jersey, struggles to deal with his fear of disappointing and yearning to escape the demands and expectations of his tyrannical and narcissistic father, Abram.

***Fabulous Small Jews: Stories* by Joseph Epstein**

This collection of eighteen stories features a host of characters at various crossroads and turning points in their lives, and considering such themes as identity, family love, and repressed impulses.

***Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer**

Follows a young writer on his travels through eastern Europe in search of the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis, and guided by his Ukrainian translator, he discovers a past that will resonate far into the future. See also: *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*.

***The Believers* by Zoe Heller**

When a radical lawyer's stroke reveals cracks in his forty-year marriage to his wife, their three children struggle with their own life challenges; from Rosa, who is pressured to commit to Orthodox Judaism; to Karla, who is tempted away from an unhappy marriage; to Lenny, who battles drug addiction.

***The World Without You* by Joshua Henkin**

Gathering at their beloved Berkshires summer home to mourn the loss of youngest sibling and journalist adventurer Leo, who was killed while on assignment in Iraq, the Frankels endure shared grief and respective private challenges that shape their views about family. See also: *Matrimony* and *Swimming Across the Hudson*.

***The First Desire* by Nancy Reisman**

The lives of the four Cohen siblings--Sadie, Jo, Goldie, and Irving--are turned upside down by the secrets that they have kept hidden, even from themselves, as the sudden disappearance of Goldie sparks revelations about their family.

***The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer**

Following the death of Rachela, a famous female math professor, mathematicians crash the shiva in order to discover the solution to the million-dollar Navier-Stokes Millennium Prize Problem, which she was rumored to have solved.

***The Innocents* by Francesca Segal**

As he prepares for his wedding, Adam Newman begins to question everything when his fiancée's beautiful young cousin moves home from New York in this contemporary version of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* set in a small, tight-knit Jewish suburb of London.