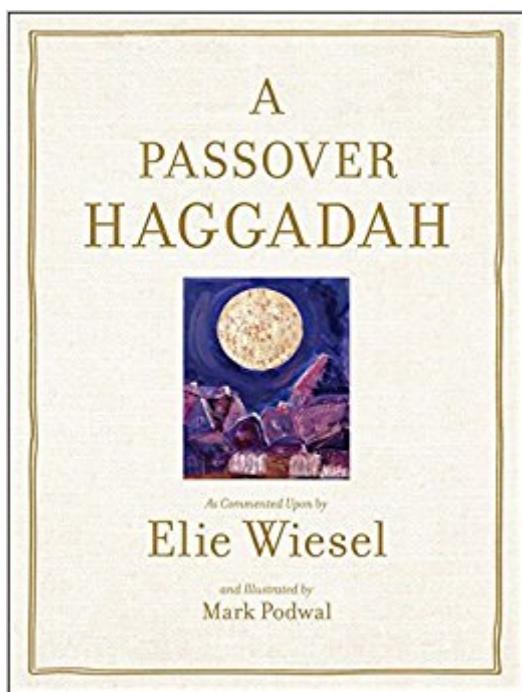


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# A Passover Haggadah: As Commented Upon By Elie Wiesel And Illustrated By Mark Podwal



## **Synopsis**

With this Passover Haggadah, Elie Wiesel and his friend Mark Podwal invite you to join them for the Passover Seder -- the most festive event of the Jewish calendar. Read each year at the Seder table, the Haggadah recounts the miraculous tale of the liberation of the Children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, with a celebration of prayer, ritual, and song. Wiesel and Podwal guide you through the Haggadah and share their understanding and faith in a special illustrated edition that will be treasured for years to come. Accompanying the traditional Haggadah text (which appears here in an accessible new translation) are Elie Wiesel's poetic interpretations, reminiscences, and instructive retellings of ancient legends. The Nobel laureate interweaves past and present as the symbolism of the Seder is explored. Wiesel's commentaries may be read aloud in their entirety or selected passages may be read each year to illuminate the timeless message of this beloved book of redemption. This volume is enhanced by more than fifty original drawings by Mark Podwal, the artist whom Cynthia Ozick has called a "genius of metaphor through line." Podwal's work not only complements the traditional Haggadah text, as well as Wiesel's poetic voice, but also serves as commentary unto itself. The drawings, with their fresh juxtapositions of insight and revelation, are an innovative contribution to the long tradition of Haggadah illustration.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A Passover Haggadah, retelling the Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt, guides families every year through their Passover Seder. A Passover Haggadah faithfully renders the entire text of story, prayer, and song, with commentary by Elie Wiesel. Expertly interwoven, Wiesel's commentary

(recalling memories of his own boyhood Seders and reflecting on Israel's place in the modern world) may be read aloud, along with the traditional text, in whole or in part. Drawings by Mark Powdal add joyous, fearsome, and poignant moments to the reader's experience throughout. At the beginning, just before the recitation of the Kiddush, one illustration depicts a contemporary Seder table whose length stretches into a path crossing a huge picture of the desert of ancient Egypt. The scene in the book is the beginning of the journey, the table is the destination, and, with this beautiful Haggadah, the story continues among us. --Michael Joseph Gross

The Passover Haggadah is a set form of benedictions, prayers, psalms, and commentary recited at the Passover seder. Numerous English-language and English/Hebrew Haggadot are available for home use, including Let My People Go: A Haggadah (Macmillan, 1973), also illustrated by Podwal but no longer in print. So how is this Haggadah different from all others? Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Holocaust survivor Wiesel's wise and compassionate commentary, poetic interpretations, lively retellings of ancient legends, and personal reminiscences, along with Podwal's powerful line drawings (only seen as sketches), make this a very special edition indeed, and one to be treasured for years to come. Highly recommended.- Marcia Welsh, Guilford Free Lib., Ct.Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Elie Wiesel's comments make this such a beautifully written book. I am not Jewish and I learned so much through this Soul touching book. I would highly recommend it.

I like this Haggadah a lot. It is designed very well. I felt myself wanting more of Wiesel's stories to be intermixed (there were some, just not a ton). My only real complaint about this Haggadah is the lack of transliteration for those who aren't comfortable with reading Hebrew.

I'd like to use this Haggadah some time with a group of Jewish people. My seders are always attended mostly by non-Jews, who have a hard enough time following the service itself. So when I used this one last year, we really couldn't discuss any of the issues raised in the commentary. That said, I find it a fascinating Haggadah.

Thank you to the late, intelligent, brave, lovely, steadfast, Elie Wiesel for this... :-|

Love this! But, as other reviewers have noted, there is just too much good commentary to read it

during a Passover Seder.

liked it so well I bought a duplicate copy for a friend

Sufficient, although a little out of the ordinary. Not your typical seder but we found it interesting.

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