

Title: **Button Man**

Author: **Andrew Gross**

Genre: *Fiction*

Subject: *Immigrants and organized crime in 1930s*

Hook: *How different people react to the same events.*

Reviewer's opinion: *She is such an inspiration!*

Personal recommendation: *If you like reading novels that are fast moving and with a foot in reality, this is the book for you.*

Reviewed by **educator123456@aol.com**

TBI member

The **fur trade in NYC** in the 1930's was taken over by organized crime claiming to be the union for the workers. This novel is about three Jewish immigrant brothers and the different ways they dealt with their live in this setting.

Andrew Gross has written with James Patterson, so the style is short paragraphs and really draws you into the story. It blended real life events with fiction so was **very compelling to me and made me want to read more about the time it took place**. This was an opening to learning more about the **garment industry**, organized crime and the people in it. Also how different people react to the same events.

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**Title:** **(((Semitism))) Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump**  
**Author:** **Jonathan Weisman**  
**Genre:** *Social commentary*  
**Subject:** *How Jews are viewed in America since the election of Trump*  
**Reviewer's opinion:** *Too jumbled and one man's opinion.*  
**Personal recommendation:** *I could not get through the book.*

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This book is billed as ' a short, literary , powerful contemplation on how **Jews are viewed in America since the election of Trump**, and how we can move forward to fight anti-Semitism.

Whether it was because of the author's way of presenting the material (Jonathan Weisman is the editor of the New York Times) or the fact that it was non-fiction, I could not get through the book. I tried many times, but it seemed so dry to me and so many names and facts presented at the same time that **it confused me**. This was not a book I would pick up to read. Perhaps if it was printed as articles, it would have been easier for me. I do read the articles in newspapers. Also this is a book I would want to discuss with people. I'm sure many people would want to read this book. But to me it was too jumbled and one man's opinion.