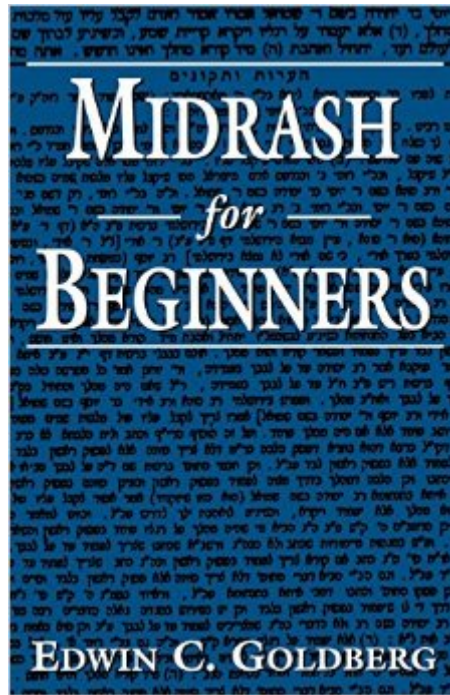


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Goldberg's irreverence (e.g. his pop culture references) distracted me from some of his points. The author's shallow knowledge of halakha also comes through, and he is unapologetic about his lack of belief in the divine origin of Torah (Torah mi-Sinai). For a more comprehensive and better-informed introduction to midrash, I prefer James Kugel's "In Potiphar's House."

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