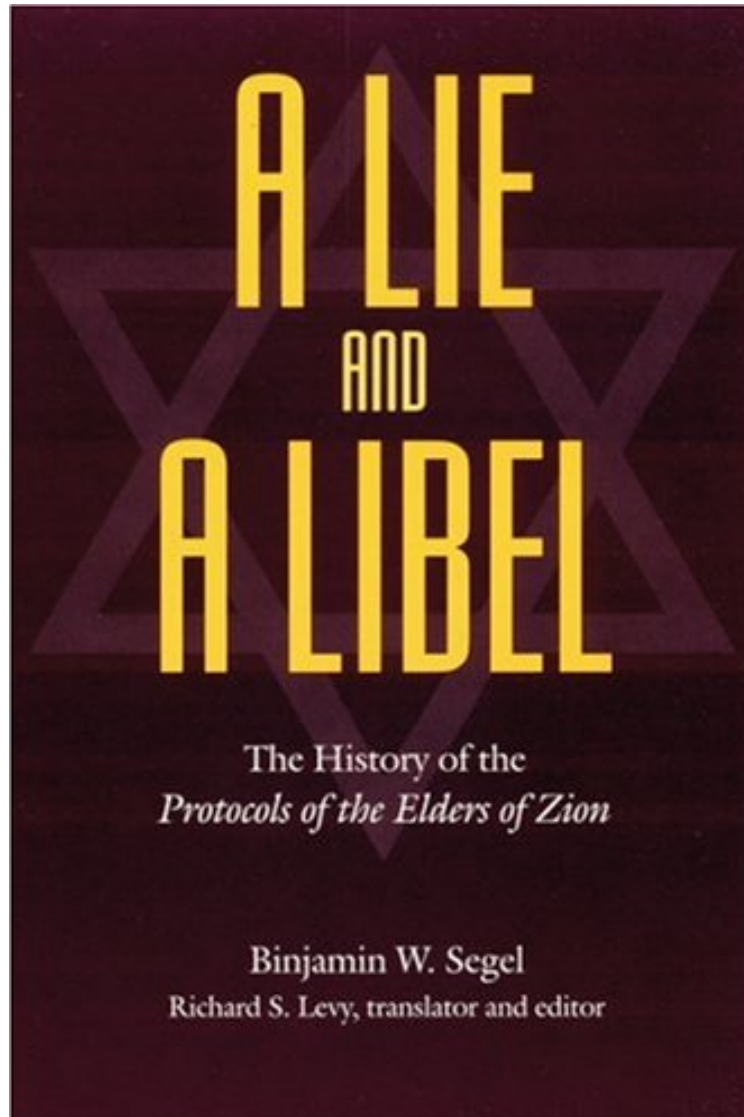


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17 of 19 people found the following review helpful. An Invaluable Reference By I. Linderman This is Richard Levy's 1995 translation of Segel's 1926 abbreviated version of his original (1924) longer, more scholarly work, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, Critically Illuminated. It is a point-by-point refutation of this fraudulent document, and an

indispensable reference. It is indexed, and includes a chronology of the hoax, as well as an updated bibliography. This particular edition includes an introduction by translator Richard S. Levy that would be worth a volume of its own. The following is based on that introduction. While Segel's work is authoritative, Levy recognizes that logical, scholarly examination of this fraud has had little effect: "The patent absurdity of the [Protocols] has had little or no bearing on its credibility for a large and varied public. ... devastating and authoritative judgments have failed to put an end to the book." Perhaps the best example of Levy's point is Hitler's comment in *Mein Kampf* that Segel denying "the truth of the Protocols was the best proof of their authority." This was precisely argument employed to such effect in 1692 Salem: To doubt an accuser was to open oneself to accusation: Who but a member of the conspiracy denies it? As outlined in Festinger's 1956 study, *When Prophecy Fails*, and more recently, in Susan Clancy's *Abducted: how people come to believe they were kidnapped by aliens*, the allure of conspiracies is well-known: Readers are "invite[d] to join the elite of those in the know." Moreover, "the [Protocols of the Elders of Zion] addresses an audience not thought capable of sustained reasoning. ... For many, the least likely explanation of great events seems the best because it is also the most effortless." Segel's arguments are therefore inaccessible to many for precisely this reason. Would that the consequences of continued publication and belief in the Protocols were as benign as the copious literature on alien abduction and Doom's Day cults, but it is not. Levy sadly concludes: "In the world at large, beyond the reach of the Nazis, the Protocols helped render Jews ineligible for rescue by the great majority of their fellowmen." Words and ideas do have consequence. 16 of 22 people found the following review helpful. The best book unmasking the 'Elders' text

By Seth J. Frantzman
This is one of the few books dedicated solely to exposing the hoax that is the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion' text. This author shows definitely how it was created by the Czar's men to discredit Judaism and cause pogroms against the powerful Jews of Moscow and Odessa. This book is an important book in the pantheon of books that seek to explain anti-Semitism. Recently the 'Elder' text has had a comeback as it has been reprinted in its most viscous form, with no introduction explaining its fabrication, in Muslim countries like Egypt and Saudi and at least one un-truthful copy can be purchased on this website. It's sad to see these anti-Semitic texts are still in circulation and widely believed to be true by the ignorant and the hateful. This book helps unmask the ignorant and shed light on the fabrication that is the 'Elders' Text
A good read, highly recommended.
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By Lewis Meixler
Good overview of the whole sordid history of the lies about the Jews. I gave it to my nephew who had never heard of the Protocols.

A strange and repugnant mystery of the twentieth century is the durability of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a clumsy forgery purporting to be evidence of the supposed Jewish plot to rule the world. Though it has been exposed as a forgery, some apprentice brownshirt is always rediscovering it, the latest in a line of gullibility that includes, most famously, Henry Ford. Recently it has been translated into Japanese and circulates once again with renewed virulence in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In 1924 in Germany the Jewish author and journalist Benjamin Segel wrote a major historical exposé of the fraud and later edited his work into a shorter form, published as *Welt-Krieg, Welt-Revolution, Welt-Verschwrung, Welt-Oberregierung* (Berlin 1926). Translator Richard S. Levy, a specialist on the history of anti-Semitism, provides an extensive introduction on the circumstances of Segel's work and the story of the Protocols up to the 1990s, including an explanation of its continuing psychological appeal and political function.

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German Jewish journalist Segel wrote his exposé of the forgery behind the anti-Semitic Protocols back in 1926, with history professor Levy adding his own analysis of the book's endurance as a propaganda tool. Copyright 1996 Cahners Business Information, Inc.
From Library Journal
Created in Paris at the turn of the century under the supervision of the Russian secret police, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was a clumsy forgery purporting to be evidence of a Jewish plot to take over the world and reduce non-Jews to slavery. The plot was adopted as official ideology by Hitler's regime and disseminated throughout the United States by industrialist Henry Ford; it circulates today with renewed virulence in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Benjamin Segel published a massive exposé of the Protocols in 1926 in Germany. In about 100 pages of selected translation and 50 pages of his own criticism, editor Levy (history, Univ. of Illinois-Chicago) here examines two distinct avenues—the conspiratorial and the anti-Semitic—through which the Protocols have been able to wield political influence over frightened and angry people. "Although the prospect of imminent Jewish triumph might be horrifying, knowledge of the conspiracy, as Hitler promised in *Mein Kampf*, would render it conquerable." An essential addition for all Judaic studies and history collections.
Marcie Zwaik, "Library Journal"
Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a potent forgery alleging a Jewish plot to run the world, has proved durable since its turn-of-the-century fabrication by Russian police; this book offers welcome background, context and refutation. The main section is the 1926 effort by Segel, a German Jewish journalist, to expose the fraud; he shows how the infamous text was plagiarized from trash fiction, Machiavelli's speeches and a political satire. . . . Levy adds much in his comprehensive introduction. Unlike most anti-Semitic works, he notes, this has no national context or identity. Thus it has served multiple purposes for different audiences; it was not only publicized by the Nazis, but it also remains influential in the Arab world and eastern Europe and among American right-wingers and black nationalists."-

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