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This book describes the basic order of the Jewish prayer service, and gives historical background on its evolution. The language is clear and engaging. Best of all, the author's love for the topic shines through on every page. Garfiel calls the service an expression of the "everyday mysticism" of generations of rabbis, and manages to convey this feeling through the quality of the writing.

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