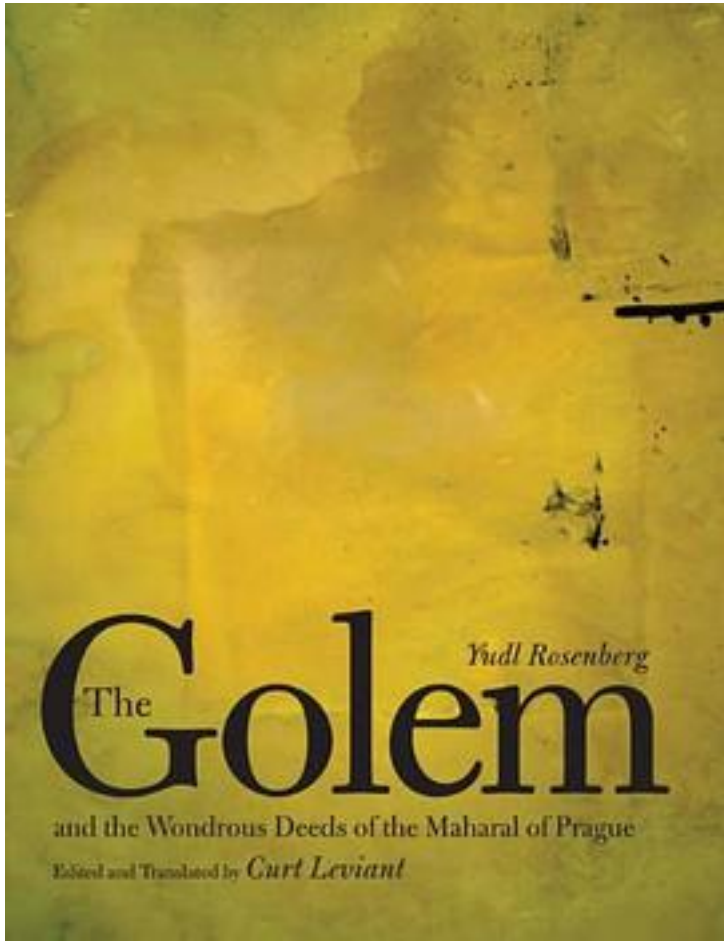


The Golem and the Wondrous Deeds of the Maharal of Prague



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This collection of interrelated stories about a sixteenth-century Prague rabbi and the

golem he created became an immediate bestseller upon its publication in 1909. So widely popular and influential was Yudel Rosenberg's book, it is no exaggeration to claim that the author transformed the centuries-old understanding of the creature of clay and single-handedly created the myth of the golem as protector of the Jewish people during times of persecution. In addition to translating Rosenberg's classic golem story into English for the first time, Curt Leviant also offers an introduction in which he sets Rosenberg's writing in historical context and discusses the golem legend before and after Rosenberg's contributions. Generous annotations are provided for the curious reader. The book is full of adventures, surprises, romance, suspense, mysticism, Jewish pride, and storytelling at its best. The Chief Rabbi of Prague, known as the Maharal, brings the golem Yossele to life to help the Jews fight false accusations of ritual murder, the infamous blood libel. More human, more capable, and more reliable as a protector than any golem imagined before, Rosenberg's "Golem" irrevocably changed one of the most widely influential icons of Jewish folklore.

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