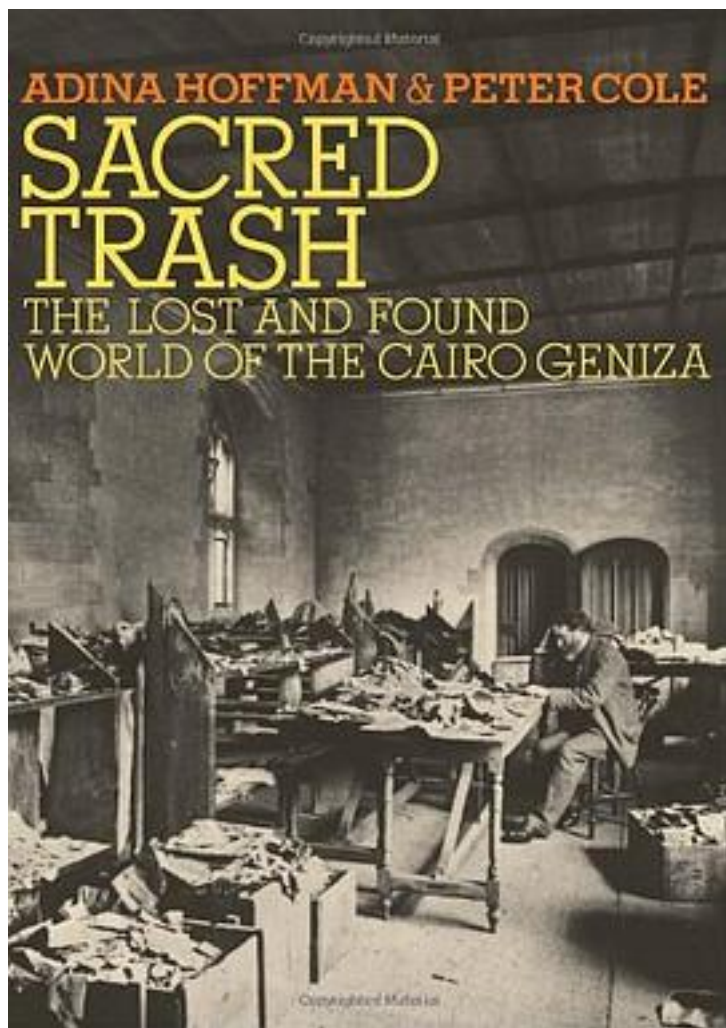


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A story of buried scholarly treasure that rivals in drama, scope, and importance the

discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and sheds profound light on nine hundred years of Jewish life.

One May day in 1896, at a dining room table in Cambridge, England, a meeting took place between a Romanian-born maverick Jewish intellectual and twin learned Presbyterian Scotswomen, who had assembled to inspect several pieces of rag-paper and parchment. It was the unlikely start to what would prove a remarkable, continent-hopping, century-crossing saga, one that in many ways has revolutionized our sense of what it means to lead a Jewish life.

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