

Booklist – 1/1/08

Brad Hirschfield, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WRONG FOR ME TO BE RIGHT

Rabbi Hirschfield posits that this book recounts his journey from the moment he became a traditionally observant Jew (from a nontraditional family) to his time with a group of settlers in Israel's West Bank city of Hebron and then to his life as a teacher, talk-show host, and author. His aim, he maintains, is to build bridges between people of different faiths and those with no faith. He believes that this will help people lead happier and more meaningful lives. The author discusses such questions as how can we make room for other cultures and beliefs? How can we balance commitment and openness? How can we create a world with less violence and divisiveness? The answers await the reader.

—George Cohen