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Delving into the intimate stories of European Jews from all walks of life, Kurlansky weaves together a vivid tapestry of individuals sustaining their traditions, and flourishing, in the shadow of history. An inspiring story of a tenacious people who have rebuilt their lives in the face of incomprehensible horror, *A Chosen Few* is a testament to cultural survival and a celebration of the deep bonds that endure between Jews and European civilization.

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