

Susan Lynn Jacoby

OHS Class of 1963



<Click the portrait for Susan in high school>

"Too many Americans have twisted the sensible right to pursue happiness into the delusion that we are entitled to a guarantee of happiness. If we don't get exactly what we want, we assume someone must be violating our rights. We're no longer willing to write off some of life's disappointments to simple bad luck."

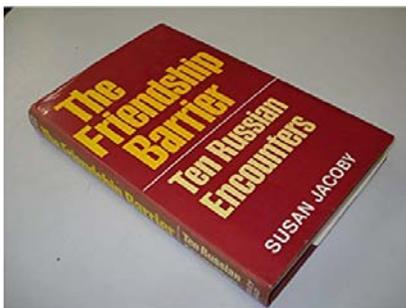
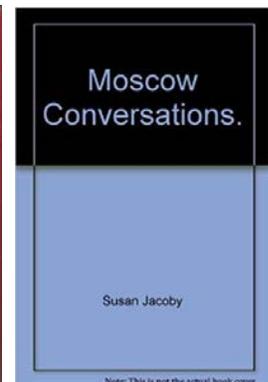
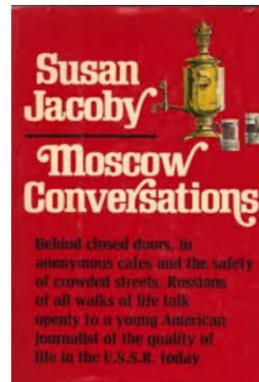


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Books Authored by Susan Jacoby <click for Susan's Website and to order books>

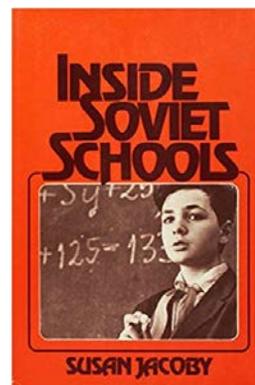
Moscow Conversations (1972)

"The author, a journalist and wife of a Moscow correspondent, submits an indignant report on the difficulties of being a resident foreigner in that city, and the special dishonesties and disabilities of the foreign journalist's life in the Moscow ""ghetto."" ([Source](#))

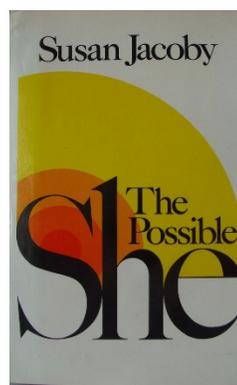


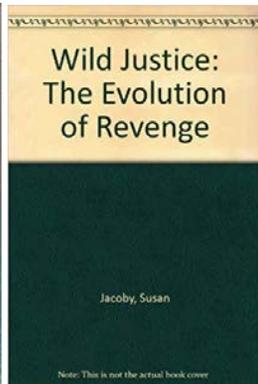
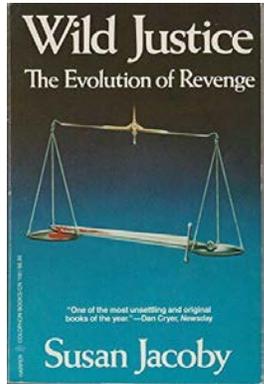
The Friendship Barrier: Ten Russian Encounters (1972, British edition)

Inside Soviet Schools (1974)



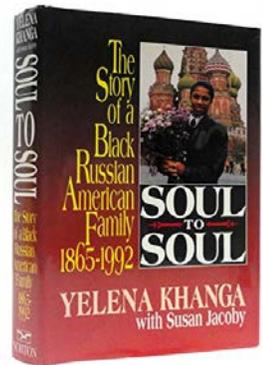
The Possible She (1979)



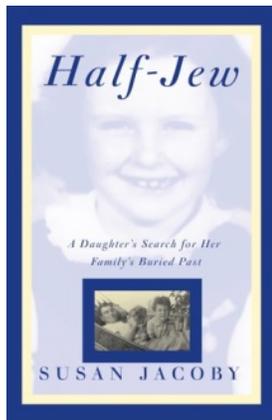


Wild Justice: The Evolution of Revenge (1983)

Traces the history of Western attitudes towards revenge and justice, looks at sexual revenge, capital punishment, and the U.S. criminal justice system, and considers the portrayal of revenge in popular novels and movies.



Soul to Soul: A Black Russian American Family, 1865-1992 (with [Yelena Khanga](#)) (1994)

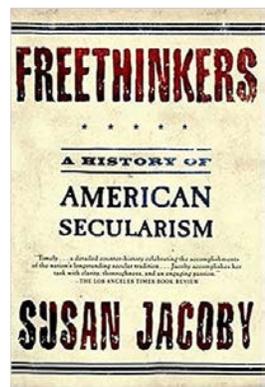


Half-Jew: A Daughter's Search for Her Family's Buried Past (2000)

“A journalist journeys back into her family's own hidden past...”

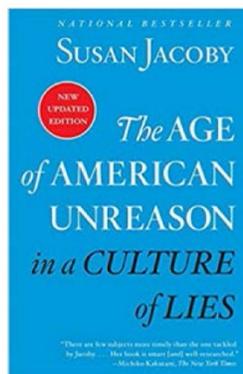
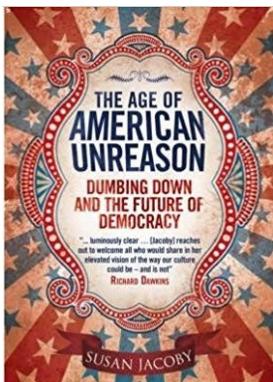
Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism (2004)

"Jacoby accomplishes her task with clarity, thoroughness, and an engaging passion." - *Los Angeles Times Book Review*



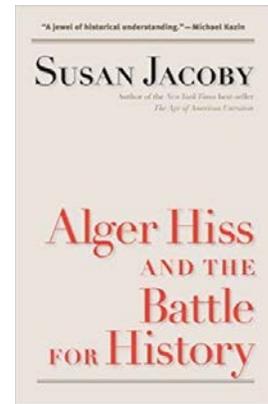
The Age of American Unreason (2008)

“The prescient and now-classic analysis of the forces of anti-intellectualism in contemporary American life--updated for the era of Trump, Twitter, Breitbart and fake news controversies.”



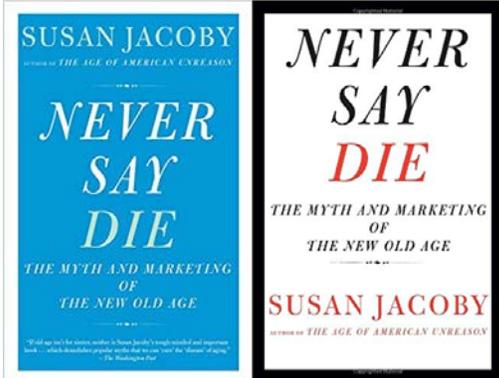
***Alger Hiss and the Battle for History* (2009)**

“Books on Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss abound, as countless scholars have labored to uncover the facts behind Chambers’s shocking accusation before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the summer of 1948—that Alger Hiss, a former rising star in the State Department, had been a Communist and engaged in espionage.”



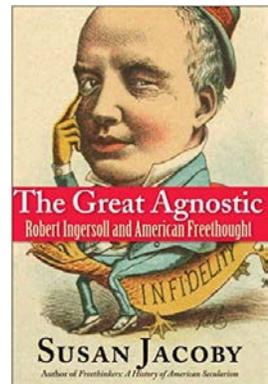
***Never Say Die* (2011)**

“Susan Jacoby, an unsparing chronicler of unreason in American culture, now offers an impassioned, tough-minded critique of the myth that a radically new old age—unmarred by physical or mental deterioration, financial problems, or intimate loneliness—awaits the huge baby boom generation.”



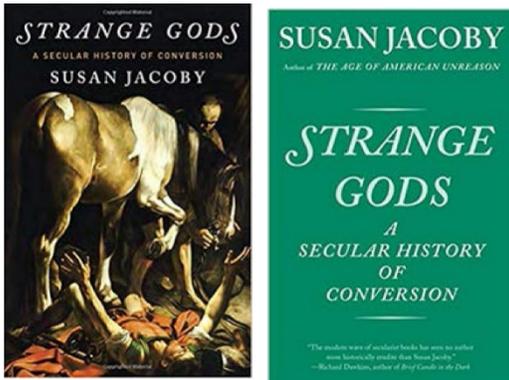
***The Great Agnostic: Robert Ingersoll and American Freethought* (2013)**

“During the Gilded Age, which saw the dawn of America’s enduring culture wars, Robert Green Ingersoll was known as “the Great Agnostic.” The nation’s most famous orator, he raised his voice on behalf of Enlightenment reason, secularism, and the separation of church and state with a vigor unmatched since America’s revolutionary generation.”



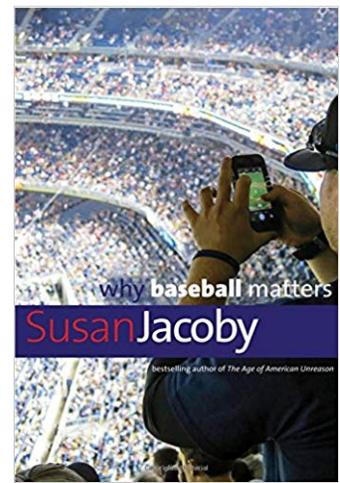
***Strange Gods: A Secular History of Conversion* (2016)**

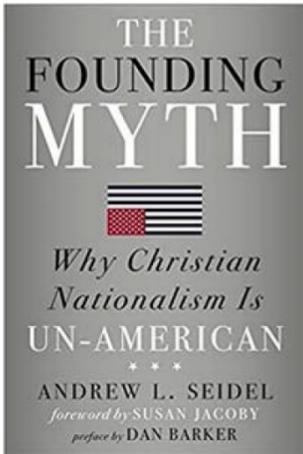
“In a groundbreaking historical work that addresses religious conversion in the West from an uncompromisingly secular perspective, Susan Jacoby challenges the conventional narrative of conversion as a purely spiritual journey.”



***Why Baseball Matters* (2018)**

“A best-selling author and passionate baseball fan takes a tough-minded look at America’s most traditional game in our twenty-first-century culture of digital distraction”





***The Founding Myth* (2019)**

“Do “In God We Trust,” the Declaration of Independence, and other historical “evidence” prove that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles? Are the Ten Commandments the basis for American law? A constitutional attorney dives into the debate about religion’s role in America’s founding.”

The Last Man on Top (Kindle Edition)

“A feminist—and the bestselling author of *The Age of American Unreason*—looks back at the last pre-feminist generation of men who supposedly had it all and asks: what exactly did they have?”

