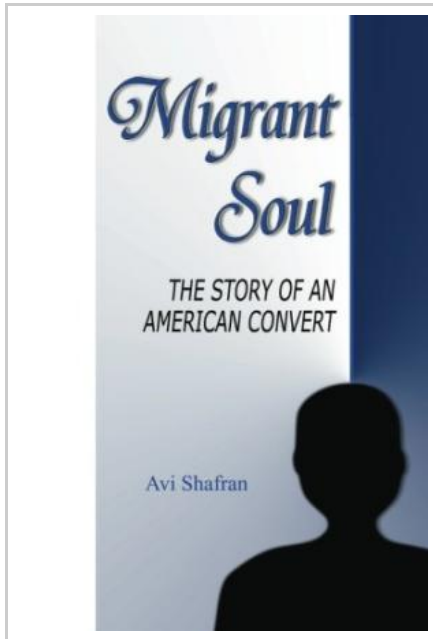




Migrant Soul: The Story of an American Convert (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. A man of African and Native American ancestry would seem an unlikely candidate for conversion to Judaism ? especially for becoming an observant Orthodox Jew. And Abel Gomes wouldn't ever have struck anyone as a radical or unpredictable person. On the contrary, he has always been thoughtful, calm, intelligent and focused, not someone given to rash decisions or susceptible to mystical compulsions. Abel's determination to become a Jew emerged slowly, nurtured by a relentless logic that led him to regard his Catholic upbringing with intellectual discomfort ? and by his marriage to a Jewish woman, although one not at all interested, at least at the time, in exploring her own religious heritage. Ariella, who had been raised by secular parents, was entirely comfortable with being Jewish only in a cultural sense, and, as her marriage to a non-Jew testified, felt unconstrained by religious rules. In fact, her husband's growing interest in her ancestral heritage only irked her at first. If Abe's ethnic roots were an unlikely impetus for him to explore Judaism, Ariella's self-identity as a ?cultural?...



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