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# ISAAC BABEL'S 1920 DIARY: HOW TO READ DIARIES AS EGO-DOCUMENTS



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**TOPIC | ISAAC BABEL'S 1920 DIARY: HOW TO READ  
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A new reading of Isaac Babel's 1920 Diary, through the lens of literary criticism of the genre of diaries, and a reappraisal of Babel's relationship to Judaism and the Jews.

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