

A Broken Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen's Secret Chord

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

In this philosophical biography, Liel Leibovitz looks at what it is that makes Leonard Cohen an enduring international figure in the cultural imagination. Born into a Canadian religious Jewish family, for years a reclusive lyricist on the Greek island of Hydra, known for his bold political commentary, his devotion to Buddhist thought and his later despair over contemporary Zionism, Cohen hardly follows the rules of a conventional rock star. Yet the prophetic themes of his music, often filled with pessimism and apocalyptic visions, prove redemptive to an audience that spans generations. As Leonard Cohen requires, this is a passionate and personal evocation of a man who appeals to the inner spirit of his fervent followers.

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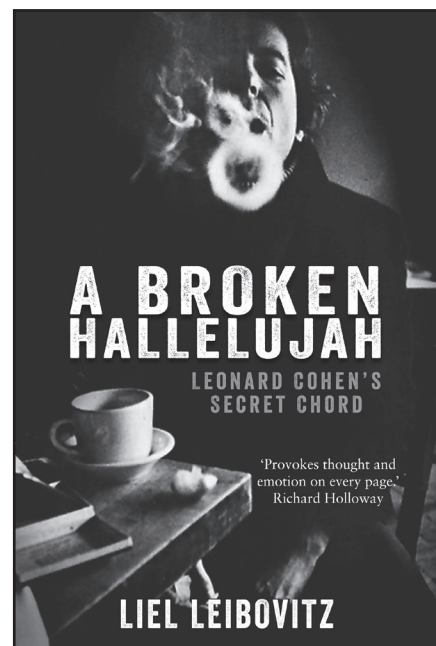
'Provokes thought and emotion on every page.'

-Richard Holloway

'He clearly loves Leonard and those who love Leonard will enjoy – and maybe even love – Leibovitz.'

-Michael Simmons, Mojo

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