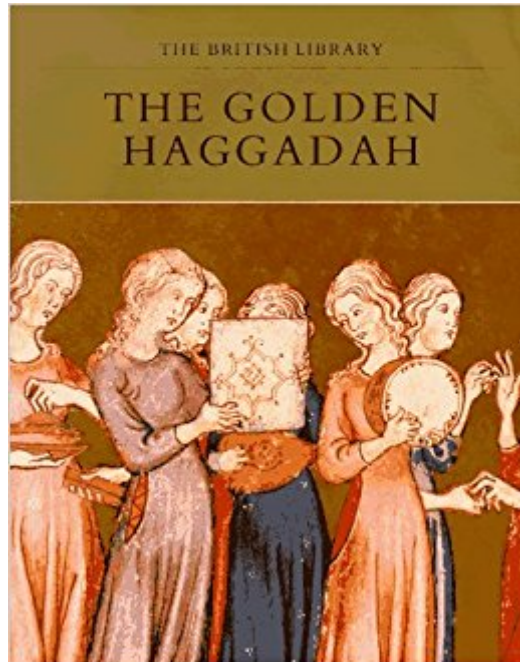




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This book is simply beautiful. This is a medieval Spanish Haggadah (Passover prayerbook) full of gorgeous pictures. It is in Hebrew and is a museum piece.

This is a beautiful book about a British Museum manuscript originally written in 1390 in Barcelona. Some of the illustrations are the same size as the originals. I wrote about this haggadah in two

articles in my blog Kol Safran on blogspot.The Golden Picture Frame[...]The Golden Haggadah (Formerly Golden Frame)[...]

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