Selected from scores of interviews across the country, eleven interfaith couples relate the many ways in which Jewish-and-Gentile couples have attempted to reconcile their customs and holidays, learned to understand their in-laws, and raised their children.

My Personal Review:
This book is really unique and interesting because, of the stories included, not all of them are the standard stories of interfaith marriage, with the kids being raised exclusively Jewish. Some of the non-Jewish partners have converted, some haven't. One couple even were raising their daughter Catholic (the mom's faith) and their son Jewish (the dad's religion), which is a really unusual approach (and not one that should be recommended; it was obvious that the couple were having problems sticking to this out-of-the-ordinary system). I also liked the story of the Hawaiian couple, with the Chinese father and the Jewish mother (who had had problems conceiving their two kids), who were celebrating their daughter's bat mitzvah. You don't hear too much about the Jews of Hawaii; it's very rare to find someone in Hawaii who is a haole (Caucasian) instead of Native Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, or some mix of the various races that live on or have immigrated to Hawaii. The story of the Japanese mother and Jewish father was also nice; rarely in a collection of stories like this do you see accounts of the Jewish partner marrying someone who isn't White and Christian. For me the saddest story was the Jewish man who had converted to Lutheranism and was raising his kids as Lutherans. With such a huge rate of intermarriage and assimilation, it's always sad to see someone converting away, denying their ancestry, and contributing even further to the dwindling American Jewish population. (Although according to Jewish law one is considered an apostate, since according to halacha one cannot convert out of Judaism.) The story of how the author
rediscovered her family's Jewish roots and underwent her own conversion was also a high point of those unique collection of stories.

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