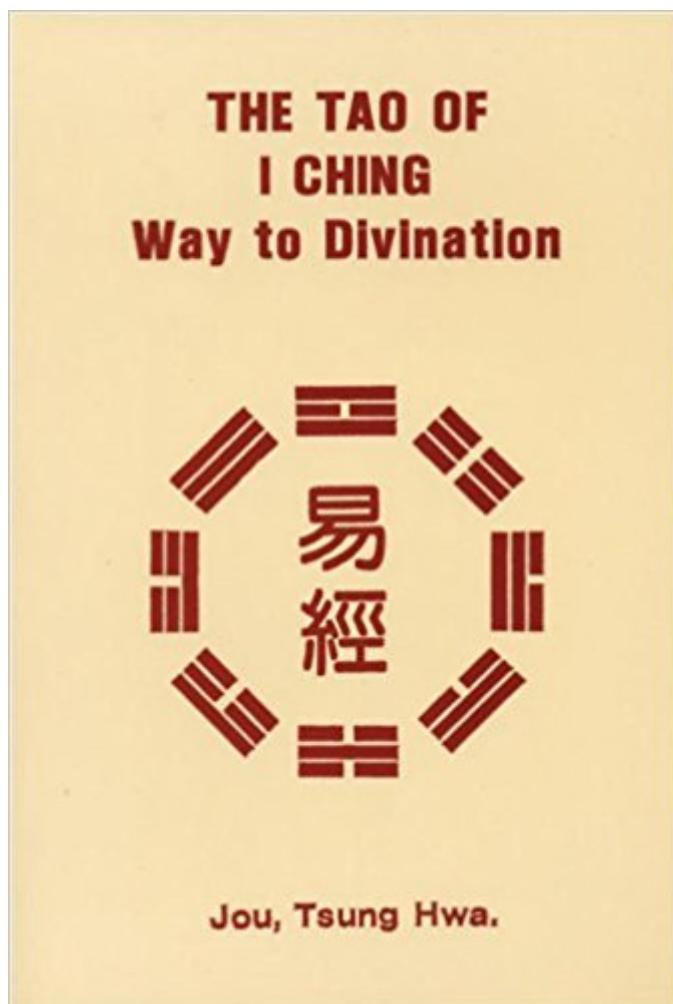


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A new and refreshing way to understand and utilize the I Ching.

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Customer Reviews

I found this book to be one of the best texts on the subject of I Ching. What I enjoy about it, is the traditional aspect of the teachings. It doesn't have the summarized aspect found in a lot of modern books on spirituality. The text also has a great depth to the concept of being in harmony with life. In other words the author mentions being aware of the changes going on around us, to integrate those changes into the reading (i.e. counting the knocks on a door from a visitor and using that in the reading...) It is also interesting how the author approaches his teaching from many different angles. He makes use of Algebra, Graphs, Statistical analysis to further help explain the readings. He even talks about binary... as a software developer, I give him props for that. Yet none of his examples comes off as flashy or marketing hype. This isn't the "Quantum I Ching" (quantum seems to be the latest spiritual marketing buzz word these days)... instead the work comes off with an honesty. The way in which it's written is not perfect and yet it is perfect. There are grammatical errors and it doesn't have the gloss of a book published by a top 10 publisher. Diagrams are black and white. Sometimes diagrams have the look of photocopy prints... But there is a genuineness to it all that makes up for any imperfection in gloss or word. Having been in a variety of mystical societies, it reminds me of the material that is printed to the membership of an organization by the leadership. Such works, as certainly in this case, are generally much better than the high volume marketed

publications that attract most consumers.

Fantastic. Jou Tsung Hwa was a lifelong internal arts practitioner (some quality YouTube videos of his Tai Chi practice are available) and writes with an applied knowledge that makes the book valuable for someone looking to apply Taoism. There are better translations for scholars, but this copy may be the best available in English for those interested in living some or all of the wandering taoist philosophy or scholar warrior lifestyle, as Jou Tsung Hwa gives first hand account of his attempt through this entire life.

Without a doubt, Jou-Tsung hwa's study of the ancient I-Ching is the clearest and easiest to understand. He has taken a text that Confucius himself did not undertake to study until he was past 60 years old (because he didn't think that he was mature enough until then to truly understand it) and presents it in words and concepts that Westerners can readily grasp. Most translations and discussions of the I-Ching tend towards the vague and misty. Not so with this book! If you're truly interested in understanding the I-Ching and how it works, you must have this book!

Best preamble on i ching theory. Book is worth that alone.

This is a little on the heavy side; but that is the truth about the whole matter. Excellent!

i have been doing the i ching for over 20 - 25 years and this book is veryinformative and it gives other ways of divining that is not in thewilhelm baynes classic. i highly recommend it.

In an ordinary sense this is a bad book. The typography is inept, the illustrations cribbed from who knows where, the translation a mediation between several english translations. This is, in short, not a book by a professional publications person. And yet this is a radiant personality, a fine person, a good man. Everything I've read about Master Jou is consistent with this. Our times could use more teachers of courage, moderation and decency. I'm a terrible skeptic, but I hope I know a heart of gold when I see one, even as indirectly as through the medium of a book. It gives good divinations, it gives wise, sly, canny advice. I think of it as a story told with puppets, which could be improvised or home-made, and yet tell a story of terrible importance -- and also be very entertaining. The old-school analog typography has the energy of a Godzilla movie: and some of you are aware that this is a compliment, coming from me. There is a ton of interesting ancillary material. The notes in it

give other ways of doing divinations, and helps situate the Yijing in divination practice. "Plum Flower Mind I Ching" is fascinating. Very, very interesting material I really haven't seen anywhere else. Also there are a number of graphical representations of the hexagrams you might not easily find in one place. Highly recommended, especially for working diviners. I have this book in a beautiful little red hardback with a plastic cover, which has given me a lot of pleasure. I recommend this edition if it is available any more.

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