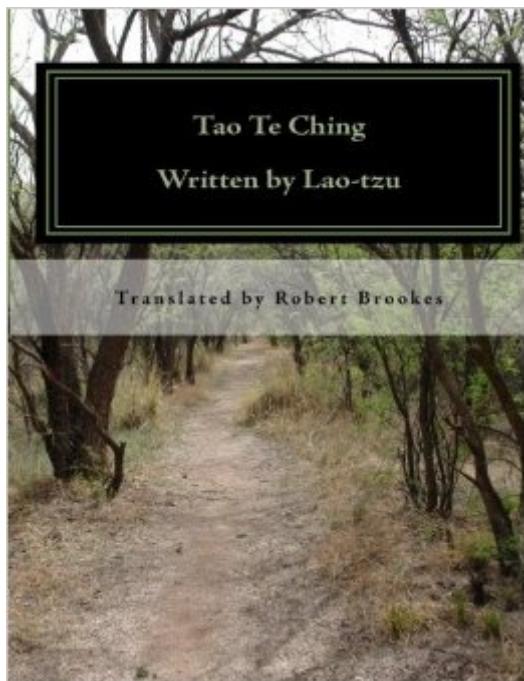


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The Tao Te Ching is believed to have been written in China during the 6th Century BCE by the legendary philosopher named Lao-tzu (Old Master). Divided into 81 sections, or chapters, the book contains insights into subjects as diverse as the nature of reality and how governments should lead their people. However, it is also concerned with providing practical advice on how one can become a wise person, or one who is enlightened in the Tao. This new interpretive translation by Robert Brookes brings the work to life in a way that makes it accessible to the lay reader while maintaining the spirit and flow of the original text.

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I have studied the Tao Te Ching for years as well as the I Ching. This translation I believe holds to the original text (as best as one can) better than any I have encountered over the years. The author has done an amazing job of making the intent and meaning of the original clear for English readers without attempting to get clever in choosing inappropriate similar words in order to be poetic. His result is excellent. Very well done.

I compared other Tao Te Ching kindle books by looking at the sample previews, and found this one to be the best in terms of how the translator remained simplistic in words and yet the content does not lose the massive importance it carries in its message. I was very pleased in how easy of a read it was, and how the value of the words remained resounding. I highly recommend it.

A very interesting book that I enjoyed reading. All throughout this book it made me think in a much bigger perspective. If you are anything like me you are probably reading these reviews to help you decide whether or not to buy this book. I am glad I bought it because it was a very easy and short read and was interesting. I recommend it to everybody.

I very much enjoyed Robert Brookes' clear and crisp translation of the Tao Te Ching. It appears to be without Western biases that sometimes skews the interpretation and understanding of what Lao-tzu means by the 'Tao'. Some translations, I think, lend to the Tao a sense of divinity or even creationism. It is a welcome addition to anyone's library, and complements other translations of this great ancient masterpiece. Suitably, the reading of this volume flows. Highly recommended!

A literal translation from the original? Probably not. A beautifully interpreted version that conveys the essence of every chapter in modern vernacular that everyone can understand. Oh yes. Thank you Robert!

I have been reading the wisdom books from different cultures and stumbled on this. It's good. That is to say, there is a lot I agree with and more I am still thinking about. Most important, it is completely contrary to much of what we are told by popular culture. We often need a new set of eyes to put our world in perspective and this fits that bill well.

Ancient knowledge well written. Almost as a koan and yet straight forward. A kind of book that you'll want and need to read several times in life so not only you can grasp a bit more every time but also because is the kind book whose words mutate into the personal interpretation that you need to hear in that moment of your life... Kind of paradoxical by default and at the same time obvious in many ways, the way of the virtuous, being with not being, influencing without acting, leading without claiming, cultivate Tao and Te and become a warrior of wisdom. Great read.

I had to pick a philosopher's work and write a paper on it. This was recommended to me by a friend, so I figured he must have really liked this work. I absolutely love this book! It was an easy read, but I noticed that I spent a lot of time pausing just so that I could process the words. This book is very deep! While it is an easy read, this is definitely something that you don't want to speed read though. This translation is not too wordy either, which is a bonus.

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