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I Ching: The Book Of Change (Compass)



Synopsis

The I Ching, probably the oldest book in existence, provides a system of knowledge that makes it possible to analyze the patterns of changes in life governed by the Immutable Law of Change. Whether we use the I Ching for divination or to study the principles involved with it, if we allow ourselves to be governed by its teachings, we shall enrich the content of our lives, free ourselves from anxiety, and become harmless or even intelligently helpful to others and pleasant companions to ourselves. This translation of the I Ching has been especially prepared for practical use in divination. It is easier to use than any previous version, and the language is closer to that of the Chinese original.

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Customer Reviews

The John Blofeld translation & "guide" to use of the Yijing is the one I prefer over all others for actual use. A paperback copy I have used for decades is coming loose from its bindings, & I'd been unable to find another locally, so am very pleased to have this made available through the site. Were there a hardback more durable publishing of this same work by Blofeld, I would purchase it.

I just received the book. I had the same version in my native language and wanted it in English so my husband can read it too. The book cover wasn't in perfect condition when it arrived (not horrible, just ears at the corners and the black ink scraped off in some spots) and the printed letters in black

aren't great. Looks like every letter is a little smudged, as if the paperback has absorbed too much ink. Still can read it ok but might get my eyes tired.

Somewhat hard to read. But, I love the IChing! So...I use this book often!

You cannot ever go wrong with an I Ching book written by Bofeld

AWESOME !!!

I appreciate Blofeld's effort to render the I Ching down to something manageable for his English-speaking contemporaries. But it is a product of a time, 1965, when Western culture believed Eastern philosophy could be distilled and clarified because it expected too much of the initiate to penetrate otherwise. It thus suffers unduly from its brevity. Blofeld takes every opportunity he can to tweak the Wilhelm/Baynes translation as inadequate in so many ways while failing to realize he's flattened the source poetic imagery to caricature. I find him helpful when I need a starting point to explain a reading to someone unfamiliar with the I Ching and occasionally interesting as another opinion, but he's never going to be my go-to. Wilhelm is still the richest version. If you find his language a challenge, add the Ritsema translation to it. I promise you'll get more from your readings.

One of my very favorite versions of the I Ching

Found all of the five great I-Ching books on and even a perfect third edition hard cover (67) Wilhelm / Baynes! (and I do mean PERFECT condition as if it were printed yesterday!). I was very pleased with the hard cover Huang translation and the follow-up "numerology" edition. This Blofeld (65) copy has been a great cross-translation and even though in paper back it was in absolutely new condition. I did not have PRIME then but will not make that mistake again!!! PRIME opens the door for so much more!!!

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