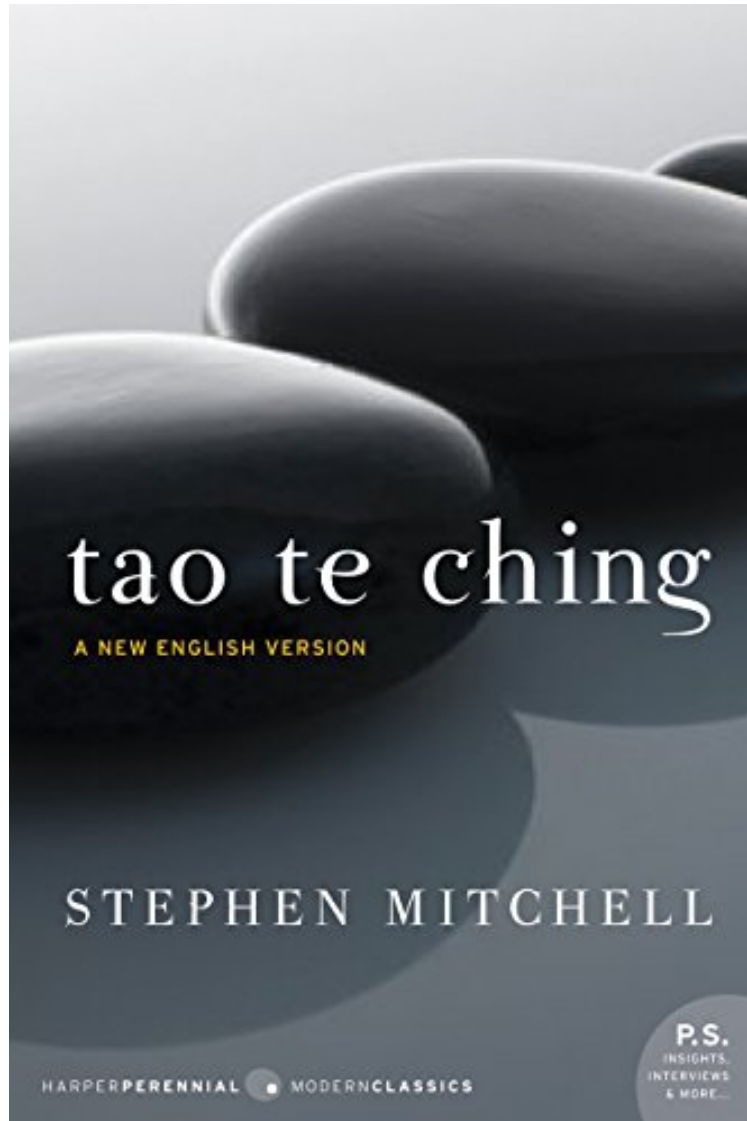


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Von Stephen Mitchell : Tao Te Ching: A New English Version (Perennial Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tao Te Ching: A New English Version (Perennial Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. No translationVon chinadocThis "version" of the Dao De Jing cannot be called a translation, not even a transfer. It is a personal interpretation telling more about the author than about Lao Zi and DAO.1 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende

Rezension hilfreich. translation Von Ein Kunde I was rather disturbed by many enthusiastic reviews. By now it is no secret that Mitchell does not know Chinese and his translation is not literal. Knowing this, most of those readers still think very highly of this translation, because they seem to have a sort of "if it is good enough for me it is good enough" attitude. Relevance is stressed above all, and what the original was like is of little importance. Who cares about a text written thousands of years ago in a completely foreign language? What nowadays the Americans want is Lao-tze served up quick and easy, like a cheeseburger. Well, I beg to differ. What if the Tao has no relevance for these readers whatsoever? What if, after they have learned to read the original, they find that it does not speak wisdom to them? What if the sage is really Mr. Mitchell, our Californian poet? What then? Will these readers still learn from the text? Perhaps not. But surely the assumption, or rather the demand, that a classic from another culture ought to "speak" to you immediately, and that the more immediately it speaks to you the better it is, is an exceptionally stupid one. It is laziness. Unfortunately cultural differences cannot be so easily overcome, dear reader.³ von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Like Massage for the Mind Von Ein Kunde I find this reading of the Tao Te Ching extremely meditative and relaxing. I have shared the tapes with dozens of other people and it is the only version that ever made sense to me. The tone of Stephen Mitchell's voice is comforting, he doesn't just read the text, he feels it breathes it. Highly recommended.

Kurzbeschreibung Lao-tzu's Tao Te Ching, or Book of the Way, is the classic manual on the art of living and one of the wonders of the world. In eighty-one brief chapters, the Tao Te Ching lods at the basic predicatment of being alive and gives advice that imparts balance and perspective, a serene and generous spirit. This book is about wisdom in action. It teaches how wo work for the good with the effortless skill that comes from being in accord with the Tao (the basic principle of the universe) and applies equally to good government and sexual love, to childrearing, business, and ecology. The Tao Te Ching is the most widely traslated book in world literature, after the Bible. Yet the gemlike lucidity of the original has eluded most previous translations, and they have obscured some of its central ideas. Now the Tao Te ching has been rendered into English by the eminent scholar and traslator Stephen Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell's Dropping Ashes on the Buddha is a modern Zen classic, and his translations of Rilke and of the Book of Job have already been called definitive for our time. Pressestimmen I have read many translations of this ancient text but Mitchells is by far the best. (James Frey, author of A Million Little Pieces) Pressestimmen "Mitchell's rendition of the "Tao Te Ching comes as close to being definitive for our time as any I can imagine. It embodies the virtues its translator credits to the Chinese original: a gemlike lucidity that is radiant with humor, grace, largeheartedness, and deep wisdom."-- Huston Smith, author of "The Religions of Man" "Mitchell's great talent is to communicate with the profound simplicity utterly appropriate for this task. The obscure has been made transparent and available."-- "Common Boundary" "Beautiful and accessible; the English, as 'fluid as melting ice, ' is a joy to read throughout."-- "The New Republic"