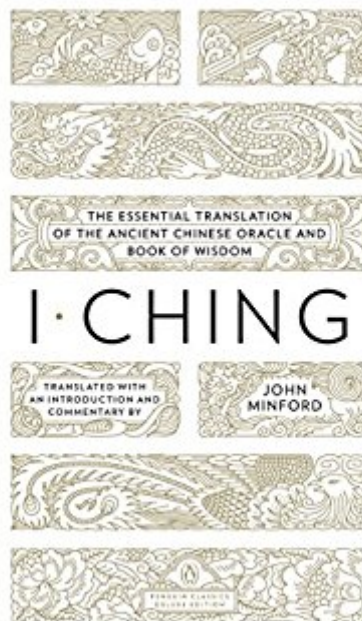




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Fascinating book, I'm using it with my trusty Bollingen edition of I Ching. Minford's commentaries are drawn from a variety of sources; interpretations are explained in great detail. The relationship of yin to yang and relative placement in the hexagram has been most interesting to me thus far. I recommend this book if the source and nuances of interpretations are as important to you as casting and getting the results.

I looked at the Kindle version of this book and debated over instant gratification - or - having something I could hold and consult. I chose wisely. I have been away from the I Ching for a decade and wanted to begin again - a new start. This version is nearly 1000 pages long. I have only just begun - so far - I am hooked. Concise and comprehensive. Love this version so far...will update as I am further along.

This book is very easy to understand. I recommend it to any beginner of the I Ching. I even showed it to my friend who has no experience with the I Ching and he was able to discern meaning from the text. Very great translation that makes sense in a modern era.

Having used Wilhelm's book and several others, I trust in the scholarship and the essence that pervades each reading more than all the others. These are gentle teachings and not recreated for the present day. I use it daily and continue to be pleased.

I can't recommend this book enough! Minford writes with clarity and precision, making his book an especially ideal resource for those who wish to encounter this ancient work. His comprehensive introduction sets the stage for a learned and informative analysis of the trigrams and hexagrams that are at the heart of the I Ching. What I especially like is his skill at blending his own ideas and interpretations (carefully identified) with the wisdom and insights of the many other great scholars who came before him. By adding the section called "Bronze Age Oracle" Minford also offers some valuable clues as to how the I Ching may have originally developed. I feel that this book will be a constant companion for me in the years ahead and I heartily recommend it to everyone who may be interested in Chinese history and religion.

It is a really heavy book. The pages are smooth to the touch and feels really nice when you flip it. I took off a star because the edges of all the pages are rough and uneven, not something I expect

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