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Tiggers Don't Climb Trees - Alan Alexander Milne 2010

The Tao of Star Wars - John M. Porter, M.D. 2011-03

The "Star Wars" series contains, for some, a philosophical basis. "The Tao of Star Wars" uses the motifs from the "Star Wars" series to explain the basic tenets of Taoism. Although some of these concepts are relatively familiar, such as acceptance, patience and simplicity, their nuances as they apply to Taoism are invigorated utilizing the "Star Wars" motifs The Tao Te Ching, after the Bible, is the most translated book in the world. Its reputed author, Lao Tzu, lived about 2600 years ago. Faced with a corrupt, competitive, egocentric society, which had lost its way (sound familiar), he left society riding upon an ox. He felt that society had lost the Tao and that was the cause of the decline of the civilization. Humans have always had an insatiable hunger for spiritual guidance and recently westerners have had a rekindled interest in the Tao. Perhaps it is because we see the same problems today that Lao Tzu saw in his day.

Jacqueline Susann's Shadow of the Dolls - Rae Lawrence 2012-02-08

Valley of the Dolls was sexy, shocking, and unrelenting in its revelations of the dangers facing women who dare to chase their most glamorous dreams. It shot to the top of the bestseller lists in 1966 and made Jacqueline Susann a superstar. It remains the quintessential big, blockbuster, must-read, can't-put-down bestseller. Before her death in 1974, Susann spent many months working on a draft for a sequel that continued the stories of Anne Welles, Neely O'Hara, and Lyon Burke. Now, after nearly thirty years, the perfect writer has been found to turn Susann's deliciously ambitious ideas into a novel that matches the original shock for shock and thrill for thrill. In Jacqueline Susann's Shadow of the Dolls, Rae Lawrence — herself a bestselling author — picks up the story in the late '80s and brings it right into the new century. Long a devoted "Valley" girl herself, Rae has re-imagined the original characters in a contemporary reality (and adjusted their ages just a bit), exactly as Jackie would have wanted her to. And if you've never read Valley of the Dolls, no matter. Sometimes the present is even more surprising and fun when you don't remember the past. And what a story! Neely's golden voice has brought her fame and success, but now she craves acceptance in social circles where her kind of celebrity means nothing at all. Anne, born and bred in those very circles, must choose between returning home or pursuing a fabulous television career — and the kind of passion she once knew with Lyon. And Lyon, who loses everything including Anne, looks for happiness in the most unexpected of places. Taking us behind the closed doors of New York, East Hampton, and Los Angeles, whetting our appetites for more with a new generation of young women and men who grow up far too fast, and spicing the whole story with a generous sprinkling of sex, drugs, and cosmetic surgery, Jacqueline Susann's Shadow of the Dolls is the ultimate beach read for our time. But feel free to devour it any time of the year, wherever you are. It's been a long time since readers had this much fun between the covers. It's time to jump back in. Anne Welles . . . She finds the courage to leave the only man who ever made her feel like a woman . . . She fights her way to the top of a television career that is even more cutthroat than she's been warned . . . She finds security and contentment with the kind of man she was destined to marry . . . Now she must choose between destiny and her dreams. Neely O'Hara . . . Her talents take her to the top, while her troubles drag her through rehab after rehab . . . She grasps at the

things Anne has turned her back on (her class, her man) . . . She always knows exactly what she wants, and will do whatever it takes to make her dreams come true. Lyon Burke . . . He takes lovers over love . . . He hustles other people's talent while neglecting his own . . . He always knows how to look, which restaurants offer the perfect drink and the most cachet, who to pursue, and where to find the best percentage . . . He waits so long to realize his dreams that in the end it may be too late. Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls was one of the sexiest, most shocking, and most sensational novels ever to fly off the shelves. Now, thanks to bestselling novelist Rae Lawrence — working from Susann's own draft for a sequel — the fun has just begun.

A Madness of Angels - Kate Griffin 2009-04-06

Two years after his untimely death, Matthew Swift finds himself breathing once again, lying in bed in his London home. Except that it's no longer his bed, or his home. And the last time this sorcerer was seen alive, an unknown assailant had gouged a hole so deep in his chest that his death was irrefutable...despite his body never being found. He doesn't have long to mull over his resurrection, though, or the changes that have been wrought upon him. His only concern now is vengeance. Vengeance upon his monstrous killer and vengeance upon the one who brought him back.

The New Southern Gentleman - Jim Booth 2002

"Daniel Randolph Deal is a Southern aristocrat, having the required bloodline, but little of the nobility. A man resistant to the folly of ethics, he prefers a selective, self-indulgent morality. He is a confessed hedonist, albeit responsibly so."--Back cover.

The Tao of Happiness - Derek Lin 2015-11-17

If you have not encountered Chuang Tzu before, prepare yourself for a treat. He was the sage who stood apart from all others in Chinese history. He was a unique presence, a great mind like no one before or since. Chuang Tzu quickly distinguished himself and became well known for his deep understanding and sense of humor. His mastery was such that he could explain the Tao with simple stories, and his humor was such that he could see the joy in ordinary things. He taught his students about "carefree wandering"—the path of moving through life with a free and happy heart, regardless of how turbulent the journey might be. It is time for modern readers to join in on the fun. Chuang Tzu's wisdom is not just for Eastern culture, but for all of humanity. We may not have the instability or the clash of massive armies indicative of Chuang Tzu's time, but we have a lot of stress and tension in our modern world. Many of us find ourselves fighting little battles on the personal front just to get through the day. We can benefit greatly from Chuang Tzu's teachings. These parables are presented throughout this book and juxtaposed with the charming and intelligent prose of modern-day Taoist teacher and author Derek Lin. Together, Chuang Tzu and Lin will present you with simple lessons that will have a lasting impact on your life.

Taoist Teachings from the Book of Lieh Tzŭ - Liezi 1912

Aristotle and an Aardvark Go to Washington - Thomas Cathcart 2007

Uses jokes, cartoons, and philosophy to expose what politicians really mean, analyzing quotations from everyone from Condoleeza Rice to Al Sharpton.

[The Tao of Pooh and the Te of Piglet](#) - Benjamin Hoff 2019-09-05

An utterly unique and accessible introduction to the ancient principles of Taoism with the world's favourite bear, Winnie-the-Pooh and his friend Piglet. Winnie-the-Pooh has a certain way about him, a way of doing things that has made him the world's most beloved bear, and Pooh's Way, as Benjamin Hoff brilliantly demonstrates, seems strangely close to the ancient Chinese principles of Taoism. And as for Piglet, he embodies the very important principle of Te, meaning Virtue of the Small. "It's hard to be brave," said Piglet, sniffing slightly, "when you're only a Very Small Animal." Rabbit, who had begun to write very busily, looked up and said: "It is because you are a very small animal that you will be useful in the adventure before us." Benjamin Hoff's explanations of Taoism and Te through Pooh and Piglet show that this is not an ancient and remote philosophy but something that you can use, here and now. Beautifully illustrated by E H Shepard.

The Tao of Warren Buffett - Mary Buffett 2006-11-21

A collection of the inspiring words and wisdom from America's favorite businessman that reveal his secrets of success from the bestselling authors of Buffettology and The New Buffettology. Like the sayings of the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu, Warren Buffett's worldly wisdom is deceptively simple and enormously powerful in application. In *The Tao of Warren Buffett*, Mary Buffett—author of three books on Warren Buffett's investment methods—joins noted Buffettologist and international lecturer David Clark to bring you Warren Buffett's smartest, funniest, and most memorable sayings with an eye toward revealing the life philosophy and the investment strategies that have made Warren Buffett, and the shareholders of Berkshire Hathaway, so enormously wealthy. Warren Buffett's investment achievements are unparalleled. He owes his success to hard work, integrity, and that most elusive commodity of all, common sense. The quotations in this book exemplify Warren's practical strategies and provide useful illustrations for every investor—large or small—and models everyone can follow. The quotes are culled from a variety of sources, including personal conversations, corporate reports, profiles, and interviews. The authors provide short explanations for each quote and use examples from Buffett's own business transactions whenever possible to illustrate his words at work. As Warren says: "You should invest in a business that even a fool can run, because someday a fool will." "No matter how great the talent or effort, some things just take time: You can't produce a baby in one month by getting nine women pregnant." "Our method is very simple. We just try to buy businesses with good-to-superb underlying economics run by honest and able people and buy them at sensible prices. That's all I'm trying to do." *The Tao of Warren Buffett* inspires, amuses, sharpens the mind, and offers priceless investment savvy that anyone can take to the bank. This irresistibly browsable and entertaining book is destined to become a classic.

[The Tao of Pooh](#) - Benjamin Hoff 1983

An expert in Chinese philosophy explains facets of Taoism using Milne's famous character and explores the world of Winnie-the-Pooh through Tao, characterizing Pooh as a simple bear who subscribes to the principles of successful living

Christopher Robin: The Little Book of Pooh-isms - Brittany Rubiano 2018-07-03

Stuffed animals though they may be, Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, and the rest have a reputation for dropping simple and timeless nuggets of wisdom and inspiration. Spanning decades' worth of unforgettable moments from Pooh and friends, this collection of the most memorable Winnie the Pooh quotes is the perfect gift for fans of Pooh.

Tao Te Ching - Laozi 2015-09-23

The Tao Te Ching is fundamental to the Taoist school of Chinese philosophy and strongly influenced other schools, such as Legalism and Neo-Confucianism. This ancient book is also central in Chinese religion, not only for Taoism but Chinese Buddhism, which when first introduced into China was largely interpreted through the use of Taoist words and concepts. Many Chinese artists, including poets, painters, calligraphers, and even gardeners have used the Tao Te Ching as a source of inspiration. Its influence has also spread widely outside East Asia, aided by hundreds of translations into Western languages. Notice: This Book is published by Historical Books Limited (www.publicdomain.org.uk) as a Public Domain Book, if you have any inquiries, requests or need any help you can just send an email to publications@publicdomain.org.uk This book is found as a public domain and free book based on various

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[A Walk In The Wood](#) - Joseph Parent 2018-07-10

Part inspiration, part information narrative for our story is based on walking meditation, also known as mindful walking; an active practice that requires you to be consciously aware and moving in the environment rather than sitting with your eyes closed. Just as *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo's mega-selling book (over 4 million copies sold worldwide) provides readers with a life/spiritual philosophy embedded in the how-to of minimalism (with practical tips for de-cluttering of one's home), *A Walk in the Wood* provides a narrative grounded in the simple act of slowing down, observing what is around us, and being present. Appealing to adults who are actively searching ways to join the JOMO movement (Joy of Missing Out and being content just "being"), *A Walk in the Wood* also makes for a perfect gift for stressed-out family members and friends.

The Tao of Elvis - David H. Rosen 2013-11-01

The Inner Man vs The Mythical King With a scholar's mind and an Elvis-fan's heart, eminent psychiatrist and Jungian analyst Dr David H. Rosen illuminates both the inner Elvis and the myth of Elvis. Forty-two chapters representing the forty-two years of Elvis's life contain perceptive and inspiring quotations from the world's most perceptive thinkers, as well as from the people who knew Elvis best. In a most readable fashion, Rosen unites the varied voices into each chapter's theme, such as: Spirit, Soul and Religion, Transcendence & Transformation, Darkness, Sorrow, and Sadness, Alone and Loneliness, and Love. An inspirational, perceptive, personal and truly innovative exploration of Elvis, which includes essays by two New York Times Best-Selling Authors: Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life*, contributes a foreword in which he asks pivotal questions about the parallel destinies of Elvis and America. Clarissa Pinkola Estés, author of *Women Who Run with the Wolves: Myths and Stories of the Wild Woman Archetype*, has contributed a free-wheeling afterword passionately expressing how Elvis's beautiful flame of life rocked the post-war world, and rocks her still. *The Tao of Elvis* is fully illustrated with Chinese papercut-inspired artwork by Diane Katz, author and illustrator of *On All My Holy Mountain: A Modern Fraktur* and *Apples Dipped in Honey: A Jewish ABC*.

The House At Pooh Corner Deluxe Edition - A. A. Milne 2009-09-03

This deluxe edition of *The House At Pooh Corner* is the perfect way to celebrate the enduring popularity of A. A. Milne's classic work and a stunning companion to the Winnie-the-Pooh 80th Anniversary Edition. The interior features the unabridged text and Ernest H. Shepard's charming illustrations in full color on cream-colored stock. It is an impressive package for new fans and collectors both. Three cheers for Pooh!

The Tao of Pooh - Benjamin Hoff 2003

[The Tao of Pooh ; & The Te of Piglet](#) - Benjamin Hoff 1998-05-01

Messages - Matthew McKay 2009-03-03

Many people assume that good communicators possess an intrinsic talent for speaking and listening to others, a gift that can't be learned or improved. The reality is that communication skills are developed with deliberate effort and practice, and learning to understand others and communicate your ideas more clearly will improve every facet of your life. Now in its third edition, *Messages* has helped thousands of readers cultivate better relationships with friends, family members, coworkers, and partners. You'll discover new skills to help you communicate your ideas more effectively and become a better listener. Learn how to: Read body language Develop skills for couples communication Negotiate and resolve conflicts Communicate with family members Handle group interactions Talk to children Master public speaking Prepare for job interviews If you can communicate effectively, you can do just about anything. Arm yourself with the interpersonal skills needed to thrive.

[The Te of Piglet](#) - Benjamin Hoff 2003-02-01

Taoist philosophy explained using examples from A A Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

[Tao - The Way - Special Edition](#) - Lao Tzu 2007

Lao Tzu was the father of Taoism. In his "Tao Te Ching," Lao Tzu outlined the basic concept of Tao. Chuang Tzu and Lieh Tzu were Lao Tzu's most important followers who expounded and expanded the basic principles set forth by Lao Tzu. Together, the sayings of these three sages, which make up this volume, are the foundations for the philosophy of Tao. The translations of the works of these ancient Chinese sages by Lionel Giles and Herbert Giles are very highly regarded and considered by many to be the definitive English translations. Lionel's translation of "The Sayings of Lao Tzu" (1905), taken from the "Tao Te Ching" and logically re-ordered, is remarkable for its clarity of expression, particularly given the complexity of the subject. Herbert's translation of "The Sayings of Chuang Tzu," presented here, with an introduction by Lionel, was originally published as "Musings of a Chinese Mystic" (1906). Lionel's translation of "The Sayings of Lieh Tzu" was originally published as "The Book of Lieh Tzu, or Teachings in Taoism" (1912). Individually the works of these Chinese sages are classics. Together, they are a master resource of the history of Tao.

The Tao Of Writing - Ralph L Wahlstrom 2005-11-29

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Nine Hundred Grandmothers - R. A. Lafferty 1970-01-01

"Here at last are the finest of Lafferty's shorter works, stories about: a man who found one day that he knew absolutely everyone in the world; a race who kept their most ancient ancestors on shelves in the basements; a speeded-up world where a man could earn and lose a dozen fortunes a night; a friendly bearlike creature named Snuffles who said he was God... In all, twenty-one immensely enjoyable stories that will continue to delight you long after you've finished reading them." --Page [1].

Introducing Kant - Christopher Kul-Want 2015-03-14

Immanuel Kant laid the foundations of modern Western thought. Every subsequent major philosopher owes a profound debt to Kant's attempts to delimit human reason as an appropriate object of philosophical enquiry. And yet, Kant's relentless systematic formalism made him a controversial figure in the history of the philosophy that he helped to shape. *Introducing Kant* focuses on the three critiques of Pure Reason, Practical Reason and Judgement. It describes Kant's main formal concepts: the relation of mind to sensory experience, the question of freedom and the law and, above all, the revaluation of metaphysics. Kant emerges as a diehard rationalist yet also a Romantic, deeply committed to the power of the sublime to transform experience. The illustrated guide explores the paradoxical nature of the pre-eminent philosopher of the Enlightenment, his ideas and explains the reasons for his undiminished importance in contemporary philosophical debates.

Tao - Alan Watts 1977-01-12

Drawing on ancient and modern sources, "a lucid discussion of Taoism and the Chinese language [that's] profound, reflective, and enlightening." —Boston Globe According to Deepak Chopra, "Watts was a spiritual polymath, the first and possibly greatest." Watts treats the Chinese philosophy of Tao in much the same way as he did Zen Buddhism in his classic *The Way of Zen*. Critics agree that this last work stands as a perfect monument to the life and literature of Alan Watts. "Perhaps the foremost interpreter of Eastern disciplines for the contemporary West, . . . Watts begins with scholarship and intellect and proceeds with art and eloquence to the frontiers of the spirit."—Los Angeles Times

Living the Wisdom of the Tao - Dr Wayne W Dyer 2009-09

This text offers an opportunity to internalize and directly experience the great wisdom of the Tao Te Ching, a collection of verses authored by the Chinese prophet Lao-tzu. Although just 81 short verses, the Tao encourages readers to change their lives by literally changing the way they think.

Positive Aging - KATHY. GOTTBURG 2017-09-04

Do you have a positive view of getting older? It matters. Like many baby boomers her age, Kathy Gottberg started wondering if it was all down hill after turning 60. Instead, she gladly discovered that how each of us views the aging process strongly influences our health and happiness in the years to come. Now rather than seeing her advancing years from the perspective of decline and disease, Kathy is happy to share in the pages of this book how the vast majority of people can and do remain reasonably healthy, active and thriving for the remainder of their lives. How did we get it wrong? Until recently, most studies of people as they aged came from insurance companies, drug companies or doctors who specialized in geriatric care.

Like the psychology field, research in the past often focused on pathologies, what didn't work, or what went wrong. Fortunately, that is changing. Now many groups, organizations, and scientists are looking into what makes for a long and healthy future no matter what the age. Instead of only seeking ways to make our final years merely comfortable, the attention is now being put on what helps us to continue to grow and thrive. When we choose to see aging from this new positive perspective, each of us is granted the opportunity to celebrate the many benefits of what is now being called "the third age" of life. Who will benefit from reading this book? Certainly, those at age 50 and beyond will find inspiration. But those just hitting midlife should also find encouragement. After all, the more we tell those younger than us that aging can be wonderful, fulfilling, and liberating, the better. Then instead of worrying about what is coming as we age, holding a positive perspective is sure to keep our minds and options open to the possible. And as the saying goes, like fine wine, we will just get better with age. *Positive Aging-A SMART Living Guide 365 to Thriving & Wellbeing At Any Age* is a collection of blog posts written by Kathy Gottberg on her blog SMART Living 365.com during the last five years. These articles address some of her best ideas about the topic and tie into how each of us can fearlessly embrace our age and look forward to the days to come.

The Daodejing of Laozi - Laozi 2003-08-01

Philip J. Ivanhoe's richly annotated translation of this classic work is accompanied by his engaging interpretation and commentary, a lucid introduction, and a Language Appendix that compares eight classic translations of the opening passage of the work and invites the reader to consider the principles upon which each was rendered.

The Eternal Tao Te Ching - Benjamin Hoff 2021-12-07

The bestselling author of *The Tao of Pooh* offers a uniquely authentic translation of the enduring Tao Te Ching, based on the meanings of the ancient Chinese characters in use when the Taoist classic was written. From Benjamin Hoff, author of *The Tao of Pooh* and *The Te of Piglet*, which have sold millions of copies worldwide, comes *The Eternal Tao Te Ching*, a new translation of the Chinese philosophical classic, the Tao Te Ching. *The Eternal Tao Te Ching* is the first translation to employ the meanings of the pre-writing brush characters in use 2,400 years ago, when the classic was written, rather than relying on the often-different meanings of the more modern brush characters, as other translations have done. Hoff points out in his chapter notes the many incidents of meddling and muddling that have been made over the centuries by scholars and copyists, and he corrects the mistakes and removes such tampering from the text. Hoff also makes the provocative claim—and demonstrates by revealing clues in the text—that the Tao Te Ching's author was a young nobleman hiding his identity, rather than the long-alleged author, the "Old Master" of legend, Lao-tzu. And Hoff's chapter notes shed new light on the author's surprisingly modern viewpoint. With a selection of lyrical color landscape photographs by the author, this is a unique, and uniquely accessible, presentation of the Tao Te Ching.

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The Singing Creek where the Willows Grow - Opal Stanley Whiteley 1986

The author of the popular *The Tao of Pooh* brings back the forgotten diaries of Opal Whiteley, which were

the literary sensation of 1920 but surrounded by scandal soon after. Hoff also tells the tale of Opal herself, a gifted but disturbed little girl who was destroyed when her private fantasies were exposed to public scrutiny. 8 pages of black-and-white photographs.

Pooh and the Philosophers - John Tyerman Williams 2003-05

'In this witty and entertaining excursion through previously uncharted areas of the world of Pooh, John Tyerman Williams sets out to prove beyond a doubt that the whole of Western philosophy - from the cosmologists of ancient Greece to existentialism in this century - may be found in Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner. This book confirms what many have long suspected: that Pooh is a Bear of Enormous Brain

The House on the Point - Benjamin Hoff 2002-10-17

Revisits the classic Hardy Boys mystery "The House on the Cliff," providing an updated rendition of the novel, accompanied by an essay on the importance of reading mysteries for young people.

Stories of Winnie-the-Pooh - Alan Alexander Milne 1992

The Te of Piglet - Benjamin Hoff 1993-11

The author and the characters from the Pooh books engage in dialogue elucidating the Taoist principle of Te, the Way of the Small, a principle embodied in Piglet

The Tao of Christ - Lao Tzu 2017-05-23

The Tao of Christ is a Christian interpretation of the sixth century BC Chinese classic, the Tao Te Ching. It translates this ancient work into concepts and language recognizable to Christians, while maintaining the integrity of the ancient text. The Tao of Christ bridges the gap between East and West. It sheds light on two great spiritual traditions. Those who love the Tao Te Ching will see Christianity in a new light. Christians who love Christ will see this ancient Chinese work as evidence of God's wider revelation to all peoples.

The Tao of Willie - Willie Nelson 2006-05-09

Born in small-town Texas during the Great Depression, Willie Nelson was raised to believe in helping his neighbors and living without pretense. After many hardscrabble years as a poorly paid songwriter (often watching his work become a gold mine for other performers), Willie finally found his own voice—the gentle but unmistakably honest sound that has made him an American icon. Now the master of harmonization has created a guide to finding harmony in everyday life. Featuring vignettes from each chapter of his seventy-plus years (along with plenty of his favorite jokes), The Tao of Willie captures his views on money, love, war, religion, cowboys, and other essential Willie topics. Loosely based on the principles of the Chinese philosophy of the Tao Te Cheng, which Willie has admired and followed for much of his adult life, this inspiring and entertaining collection of "Willie wisdom" takes us from his roadhouse days, when he united redneck rockers with straitlaced country music fans, to the mega-sized benefit concerts and environmentalism that define his boundless heart. In the spirit of his fellow Texan Harvey Penick's Little Red Book, Willie's timeless insights sparkle with clarity: It's like having a one-on-one conversation with the sage himself.

Margaret the First - Danielle Dutton 2016-03-15

A Lit Hub Best Book of 2016 • One of Electric Literature's Best Novels of 2016 • An Entropy Best Book of 2016 "The duchess herself would be delighted at her resurrection in Margaret the First...Dutton expertly captures the pathos of a woman whose happiness is furrowed with the anxiety of underacknowledgment." —Katharine Grant, The New York Times Book Review Margaret the First dramatizes the life of Margaret Cavendish, the shy, gifted, and wildly unconventional 17th-century Duchess. The eccentric Margaret wrote

and published volumes of poems, philosophy, feminist plays, and utopian science fiction at a time when "being a writer" was not an option open to women. As one of the Queen's attendants and the daughter of prominent Royalists, she was exiled to France when King Charles I was overthrown. As the English Civil War raged on, Margaret met and married William Cavendish, who encouraged her writing and her desire for a career. After the War, her work earned her both fame and infamy in England: at the dawn of daily newspapers, she was "Mad Madge," an original tabloid celebrity. Yet Margaret was also the first woman to be invited to the Royal Society of London—a mainstay of the Scientific Revolution—and the last for another two hundred years. Margaret the First is very much a contemporary novel set in the past. Written with lucid precision and sharp cuts through narrative time, it is a gorgeous and wholly new approach to imagining the life of a historical woman. "In Margaret the First, there is plenty of room for play. Dutton's work serves to emphasize the ambiguities of archival proof, restoring historical narratives to what they have perhaps always already been: provoking and serious fantasies, convincing reconstructions, true fictions."—Lucy Ives, The New Yorker "Danielle Dutton engagingly embellishes the life of Margaret the First, the infamous Duchess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne." —Vanity Fair

The Wisdom of the Shire - Noble Smith 2012-10-30

In The Wisdom of the Shire, Noble Smith sheds a light on the life-changing ideas tucked away inside the classic works of J. R. R. Tolkien and his most beloved creation—the stouthearted Hobbits. How can simple pleasures such as gardening, taking long walks, and eating delicious meals with friends make you significantly happier? Why is the act of giving presents on your birthday instead of getting them such a revolutionary idea? What should you do when dealing with the Gollum in your life? And how can we carry the burden of our own "magic ring of power" without becoming devoured by it? The Wisdom of the Shire holds the answers to these and more of life's essential questions.

The Second Book of the Tao - Stephen Mitchell 2009-02-19

Enhanced by Stephen Mitchell's illuminating commentary, the next volume of the classic manual on the art of living The most widely translated book in world literature after the Bible, Lao-tzu's Tao Te Ching, or Book of the Way, is the classic manual on the art of living. Following the phenomenal success of his own version of the Tao Te Ching, renowned scholar and translator Stephen Mitchell has composed the innovative The Second Book of the Tao. Drawn from the work of Lao-tzu's disciple Chuang-tzu and Confucius's grandson Tzussu, The Second Book of the Tao offers Western readers a path into reality that has nothing to do with Taoism or Buddhism or old or new alone, but everything to do with truth. Mitchell has selected the freshest, clearest teachings from these two great students of the Tao and adapted them into versions that reveal the poetry, depth, and humor of the original texts with a thrilling new power. Alongside each adaptation, Mitchell includes his own commentary, at once explicating and complementing the text. This book is a twenty-first-century form of ancient wisdom, bringing a new, homemade sequel to the Tao Te Ching into the modern world. Mitchell's renditions are radiantly lucid; they dig out the vision that's hiding beneath the words; they grab the text by the scruff of the neck—by its heart, really—and let its essential meanings fall out. The book introduces us to a cast of vivid characters, most of them humble artisans or servants, who show us what it means to be in harmony with the way things are. Its wisdom provides a psychological and moral acuity as deep as the Tao Te Ching itself. The Second Book of the Tao is a gift to contemporary readers, granting us access to our own fundamental wisdom. Mitchell's meditations and risky reimagining of the original texts are brilliant and liberating, not least because they keep catching us off-guard, opening up the heavens where before we saw a roof. He makes the ancient teachings at once modern, relevant, and timeless. Listen to a special podcast with Stephen Mitchell: