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The I Ching Workbook Gift Set



Synopsis

The I Ching Workbook Gift Set includes the entire text of Wu Wei's newly-revised and updated edition of The I Ching: The Book of Answers, which includes a detailed explanation of how to use yarrow stalks and how to work with the I Ching. It provides the key for identifying the correct hexagram and 200 pages on which readers can record their answers. Included are 50 ten-inch yarrow stalks, hand-picked by farmers in Northeast China specifically for use in divination with the I Ching, and another step-by-step picture guide to using the stalks--the original and only favorable way to access this ancient wisdom. Also included are sandalwood incense, incense holder and a silk I Ching cloth. The I Ching Workbook Gift Set is beautifully packaged for gift-giving.

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Customer Reviews

List price on this item is a few cents shy of \$40. If I'd had to pay that much I think I'd have asked for my money back. (Think about it -- the book has a list price of \$15.95, which means they're charging \$25 for the yarrow stalks. I've seen bundles of 50 stalks sold elsewhere for about \$9.) Luckily shows a good discount (\$26.37 as of this writing) meaning this is just worth the price. I've been going over Wu's interpretations of the I Ching for a couple months now. I have to say he's a little on the fruity side for me -- I don't like it when people get too spiritual about fortune telling methods because you never know what the religious or ethical code of the person trying to use it might be. While the I Ching theoretically is a religious book, the evidence as I understand it indicates that that came later; basically it became a religious work because it worked well as a fortune telling mechanism (rather

than something meant as a meditative religious work that only later came to be employed for practical fortune telling.) I also incline to complain that his effort to describe the yarrow stalk method is very confusing; I still can't figure out how it's done (the text tries to include pictures but they aren't detailed enough to figure what he means.) On the plus side, he does provide better summaries and interpretations of the hexagrams than a lot of versions, being a bit more clear on what's represented by some of the imagery and explaining what the advice of the hexagram is meant to suggest. The I Ching is a funny book, and by its nature of being not-in-English, the more translations one can collect the better one usually is for it.

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