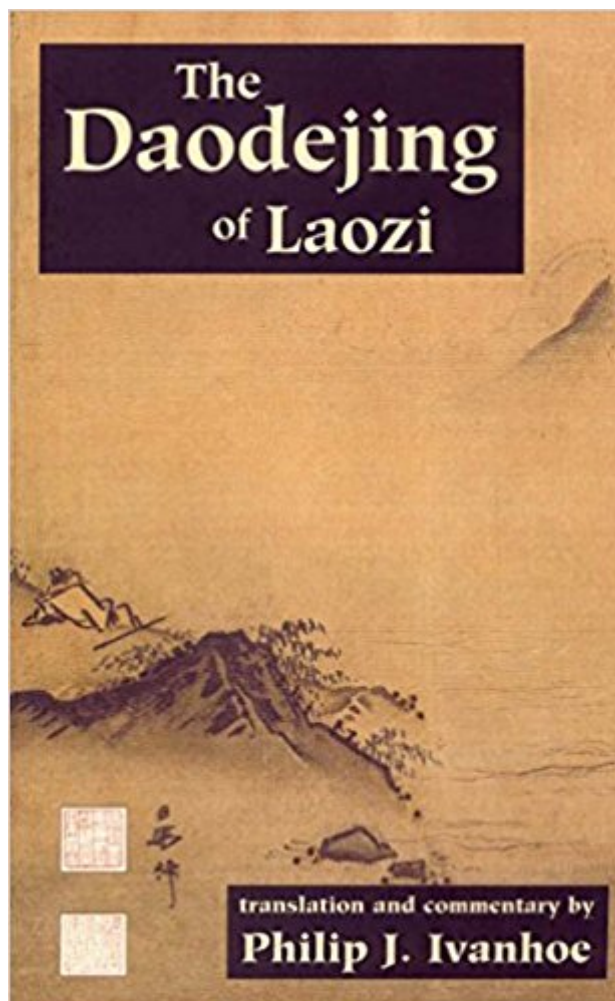


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# The Daodejing Of Laozi (Hackett Classics)



## Synopsis

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.

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Why another translation of the Daodejing? Ivanhoe manages, unlike some scholarly translators, to respect the intellectual, social, philosophic, historic, and spiritual integrity of the text and to put the text into a readable, insightful, and elegant English rendering of the most famous of the early Daoist classics. --John Berthrong, Boston University School of Theology  
P. J. Ivanhoe approaches the Daodejing with great enthusiasm and love of subject, much philosophical insight, linguistic sensitivity, and philological sophistication. --Richard John Lynn, University of Toronto

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I have several translations of this ancient philosophical classic. While all of them have their merits, I feel that Ivanhoe's version is lucid enough to recommend to first time readers. He strikes a very nice balance between scholarly rigor and poetry- which is quite a rare feat in translating such an

enigmatic work. Although it's always a good idea to refer to multiple versions of this text to get a good sense of the profound wisdom it contains, if you were trapped on an island with only Ivanhoe's translation you would likely have all you need for a lifetime of Tao cultivation. A real treasure!

This is the only translation of the Dao I've read, so I don't have other references to compare this version to. But, I think the author does a good job of conveying the dual nature of the text, each passage can be interpreted differently and this translation doesn't take that important feature away from English readers. The Dao itself is a masterfully written, thought-provoking text that continues to be relevant in modern times. I haven't read other translations of it, but I can say that I thoroughly enjoyed this one. The Daodejing is short, but it is also profound. It can give you insight into the human spirit, the way of nature, and the meaning of life all in one of the many short paragraphs. Highly recommended to anyone interested in philosophy or knowledge in general.

Not much of a reader but my English course required it. The discussions we had about the book were very dense and I was able to participate in.

According to Professor Mark Muesse this is an excellent translation. In comparison to others it seems to capture the mystic sense of the writings. It serves well as a source of meditation.

Philip J. Ivanhoe has produced an outstanding translation of the Daodejing, noted as such for its clarity and accuracy. Plenty of helpful notes and commentary, a thoughtful introduction by Ivanhoe himself and an interesting appendix explaining the process of translation from Chinese are all great additions to the core text. I wholeheartedly recommend this edition for first-time readers and longtime students of the Daodejing.

Bought this for my IH Mosaics class. Found myself actually reading it for fun. It's elegant style makes you question your basic concepts of Tao.

Excellent condition and quick delivery.

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