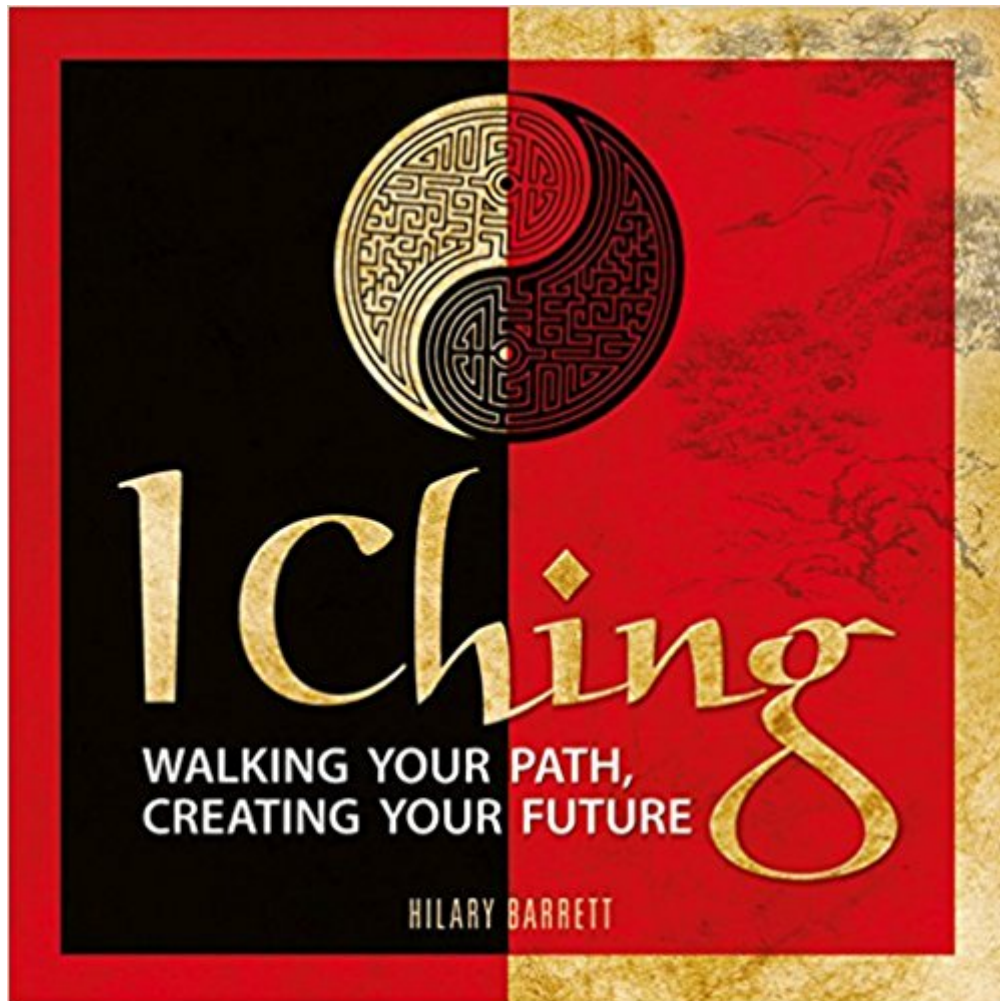




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The I Ching or Book of Changes is a Chinese oracle; a tool of divination, the origins of which stretch back more than 3,000 years. Generations of diviners have asked the I Ching to answer their most burning questions and help them to negotiate relationships, decisions and dilemmas with poise and insight. The I Ching is presented here as a practical guide for a modern readership, providing lucid explanations and guidelines for interpreting readings of China's most ancient book of wisdom. Small, handy new edition of this seminal work. Beautifully designed and illustrated with authentic imagery. The author is an expert in the field and has taught the mysteries of the oracle for many years.

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Customer Reviews

After completing her BA and MPhil at Oxford University, Hilary Barrett began to study, consult and learn from the I Ching. Now she interprets readings and teaches practical divination via her website, www.onlineclarity.co.uk, helping people to foster an awareness of meaning and connection in their own lives through a connection with the I Ching.

The price I see on makes me feel like weeping- to think this book could be so undervalued. But if you are a person with an interest in buying a guide to the oracle, you are in so much luck. I have many books- translations, commentaries- on the I Ching but none of them really hold a candle to this one. I have had it since it came on the market..it is still and always my "go-to- guide" when I ask the oracle a question and need help with interpretation. Hilary Barret's book has an extraordinary

clarity and a distillation of the oracle's wisdom that I have yet to find anywhere else- nor do I need to, actually. I never fail to come away feeling wholly answered and even with a new insight...this is no small matter because I have been a student of the I Ching for 25 years and counting. I cannot recommend this book more highly.

Let me begin by saying that I have known Hilary Barrett for going on eight years now, and this review will be slightly prejudiced in her favor; Not because I know she'll read the review but because her reputation precedes her publication. The book itself is an excellent quality book and gives the I Ching (Yijing) student a wonderful insight into the machinations of this ancient oracle. What impressed me, was Hilary's ability to put into everyday English what Scholars from Ancient China and throughout time all over the world have debated and published and re-published for most of the History of Mankind. The 'Yi' is considered by most to be one of the oldest written 'anything' in the world. Surviving massive book burnings, political upheavals and just time itself, Ms. Barrett, like the original, has kept it short and to the point without compromising philosophical integrity, or mystical insight. In this day and age of mass media and marketing it's a pleasure to know that some still have the ability to convey to the reader the beauty of the work. I am sure the (In)spiration for much of her work was none other than the message of the work itself "talking to her" and for this I am grateful that one more generation may have the ability to understand that magical world of Oracles and the I Ching that have guided ordinary people and Emperors alike throughout the ages.

After many years of studying different I Ching books, there is no doubt this one outranks them all. Not only are the interpretations wise, positive and wonderful, but it is also a very beautiful book. Visually stunning. Coffee Table quality, even in paperback. It is amazing that it is so inexpensive. I find it also a perfect companion (much more information) to use with the author's online abbreviated I Ching. Truly beautiful gift for anyone with a spiritual bent.

This rendition of The I Ching by Hilary Barrett is most excellent, a 5-Star Book, for sure. However, I'm not that keen on this little square hard-back book. The taller, rectangular paperback book is lighter-weight and has bigger print, (tho not a Large Print book is just easier to read).

Not being a writer, it will be difficult to do this book proper justice; but here goes.... "I Ching; Walking Your Path, Creating Your Future" is easy to use and is full of wisdom, virtue and insight. If one is a beginner to the Oracle, you need this book. If you have already spent a few years communing with

the I Ching, you really need this book to round out your understanding. This book is well organized and both sensible and comprehensible (something that can't be said about many of the interpretations of "I Ching"). The Introduction starts with "What Is the I Ching

Really lovely interpretations of this timeless classic. I own several versions of the I Ching and I like to start with this one because it is so clear and so nicely written. Often, Ms Barrett's interpretations are all I need to understand the hexagrams. A light touch, a piercing intelligence. What more could you ask? For seriously gnarly questions, you might continue with the Wilhelm or other lengthy (and ponderous) translation. But even then, this might be the translation that speaks to you most clearly and straightens out those gnarls. Glad I bought it.

After sampling many different translations, this one and the illustrated i ching are my favorite by far. They are detailed and not vague and repetitive like the beginner texts, but not way out there like the scholarly translations. The perfect version for somebody who wants depth and specificity from their readings without having to know all of China's history and cultural references.

Awesome!

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