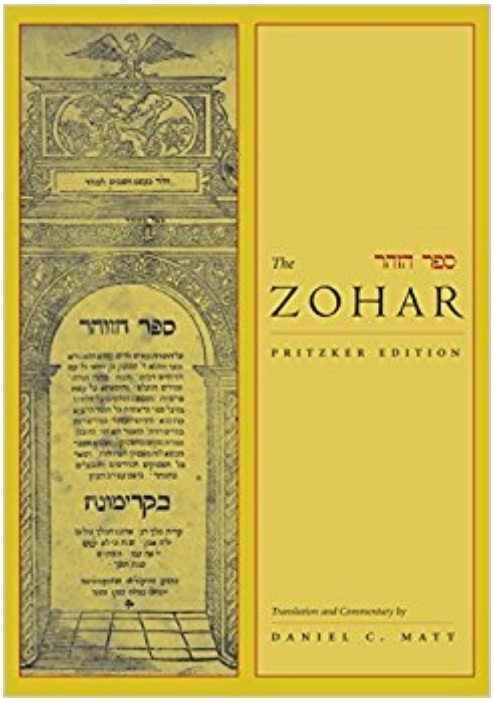
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Sefer ha-Zohar (The Book of Radiance) has amazed readers ever since it emerged in medieval Spain over seven hundred years ago. Written in lyrical Aramaic, this masterpiece of Kabbalah exceeds the dimensions of a normal book; it is virtually a body of mystical literature, comprising over twenty sections. The bulk of the Zohar consists of mystical interpretation of the Torah, from Genesis through Deuteronomy. The ninth volume of The Zohar: Pritzker Edition completes this running commentary on the Torah. Rabbi Shim'on and his Companions explore passages from the middle of the book of Numbers through the end of Deuteronomy. Among the remarkable sections is Rav Metivta, an account of a visionary journey by Rabbi Shim'on and some of the Companions to the Garden of Eden, where they discover secrets of the afterlife. Later in the volume appears the story of the Yanuqa (Child)Ã¢â ¬â ¢a wunderkind-and-enfant-terrible who amazes and teases, challenges and stumps the rabbis. Near the very end of the Zohar on the Torah comes the remarkable section known as Idra Zuta (The Small Assembly). This dramatic narrative describes the last gathering of Rabbi Shim'on and the Companions before his death. Here the master reveals profound mysteries of divine being, and then departs from this world to unite ecstatically with the Divine Feminine, Shekhinah. Before departing, Rabbi Shim'on invites all of the Companions to his wedding celebration above.

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Customer Reviews

Daniel C. Matt is a leading authority on Jewish mysticism. For twenty years, he served as Professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Matt is the author of The Essential Kabbalah (1995), God and the Big Bang (1996), and Zohar: Annotated and Explained (2002). He is also the translator of the first eight volumes of The Zohar: Pritzker Edition.

oyful academia. I think that phrase best describes Daniel Matt's translation ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ with commentary ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ of the Zohar. PLUS no red string needed to reap the benefits of this incredible series.The author is much like a skilled chef: he not only understands what ingredients are in the product...in addition to where each ingredient has been grown...he also understands how they interplay with each other, how to mix them and how the final product will taste even before cooking it. Daniel Matt takes us into the garden that is the Zohar and acts as tour guide, storyteller and head chef.A word of caution however: this is a meal of esoteric thought. Some of the flavors you will be exposed to may seem a bit too scary taste or unfathomable. Like any feast of exotic food, you will need to commit yourself to the whole meal to gain perspective and appreciation for each course. The payoff will be a deliciously deep & rational understanding of the Zohar specifically and the Jewish mystical experience as whole.This is an important and valuable addition to anyone's library.

The 9th of the Series is as good as the rest but how many more to go? Mr. Matt certainly deserves heaps of praise for his herculean efforts. We English speakers are very grateful to have such an accurate and thoughtful translation of a work the content of which is important notwithstanding the lack of certainty of its authorship.

A wondrous multi-volume series of mystic insights into the Torah that Christians or any spiritually inclined person should also read and ponder on.

True scholarship by Prof. Daniel Matt and everyone involved. All these volumes are excellent and should be read and studied by all who seek knowledge of The Zohar and kabbalah.

This is an amazing series with each volume serving as a real illumination of the Zohar in terms of text and annotations.

Deepening and anointed!

One should really start with Volume 1 and spend months on each volume before moving forward. The Zohar is not for beginners. My recommendation would be to always study a Chumash with excellent commentary before moving onto the mystical side of Judaism. I knowledgeable teacher as a guide is also a tremendous help. Not all Rabbis are knowledgeable on the subject of Kabbalah.

I thoroughly enjoy this translation and presentation of the Zohar. Thank you to the Pritzker Family/Foundation/Publishing Group for this amazing edition. It is a great resource for scholars or for any intelligent reader of the Kabbala and its related texts.

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