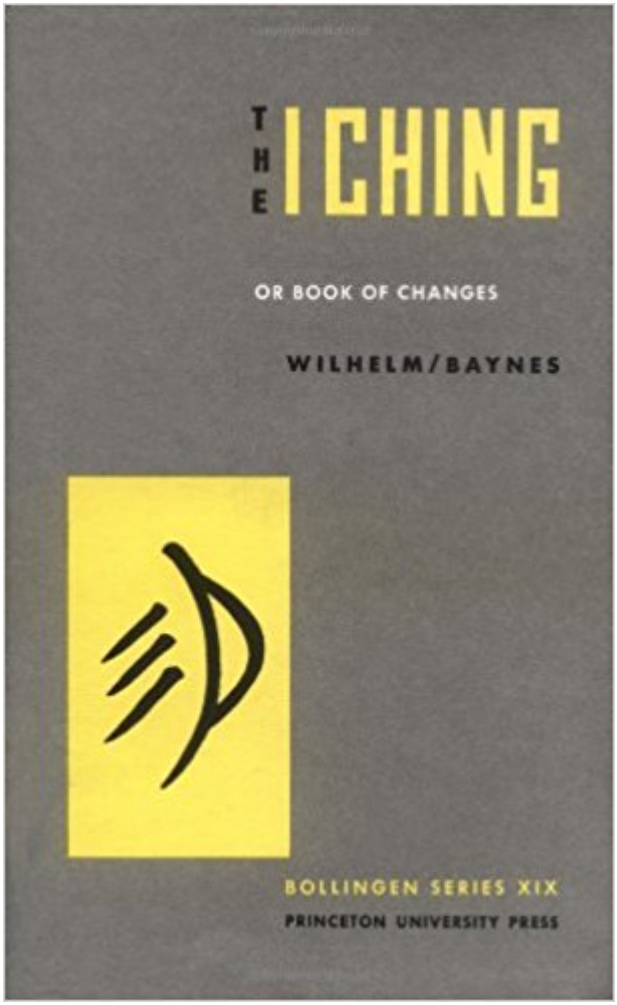
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This is the classic edition of the Wilhelm translation of the I Ching, used by Carl Jung, which is endlessly fascinating and something that any serious student wishing to read and evaluate the Ching--or especially use it--should attempt to find out for themselves. 64-bit magic for those who know the basis of the great Chinese oracle.

I placed the order on Sunday and received on Tuesday, which was really quick considering I didn’t chose any faster shipping method. I love the book, The dust cover, however was torn a bit on the top right corner of the book. Yet the rest of the actually book looks perfect.

I now use this book as an additional source to help me understand the meanings of my daily hexagrams. It is a beautiful book visually as well as a teaching guide. The paper used is a beautiful smooth and of high quality. I have only had the book a few weeks and I depend on it to fully explain the meaning of the hexagrams that come up. It is clearly written and as I get more educated about the hexagrams and how they answer my inquiries, I look forward to getting what I feel is expert analysis from Wilhelm’s I Ching.

This is a timeless book. I have bought it several times over the years. I’m surprised at the inferior binding the front and back are already curling up the material is so thin and flimsy. This however does not change the knowledge within.

Best book on leadership ever written if you use it for wisdom and learning, not as an "oracle."

This was one of the recommended texts when I took a series of classes about i ching philosophy

and practice. It is amazing to imagine the development of this numerological and pattern-based ancient chinese practice. Whether i ching is fortune-telling, or just thought-provoking guidance to help make decisions or think through problems, this is the most widely-recognized translation reference.Enjoyed learning about the practice and interpretation of the i ching very much.

The first translation. A bit to obtuse for me. I occasionally use it; however, I find newer versions to be more approachable.

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