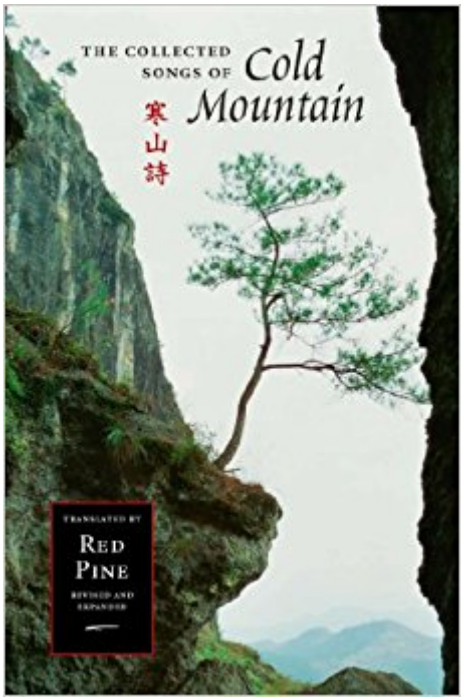
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A Zen-Taoist poetry classic, in a handsome Chinese-English formatThis definitive translation of Han ShanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s poetry appears in a bilingual Chinese-English format. Included are extensive notes, a preface by renowned translator Red Pine, a findings list, and photographs of the cave and surrounding area where Han Shan (“Cold MountainÃ¢â ¬Â•) lived.Cold Mountain is one of the most revered poets in China. He was a Taoist/Buddhist hermit who begged for food at temples, often sang and drank with cowherds, and became an immortal figure in the history of Chinese literature and Zen. His poems were written twelve-hundred years ago on the rocks, trees, and temple walls of ChinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Tientai Mountains. This revised edition also includes poems by Han ShanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s colleagues, Pickup (Shih-te) and Big Stick (Feng-kan), translated here for the first time.As Red Pine begins his Preface, “If ChinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s literary critics were put in charge of organizing a tea for their countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s greatest poets of the past, Cold Mountain would not be on many invitation lists. Yet no other poet occupies the altars of ChinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s temples and shines, where his statue often stands alongside immortals and bodhisattvas. He is equally revered in Korea and Japan. And when Jack Kerouac dedicated The Dharma Bums to him in 1958, Cold Mountain became the guardian angel of a generation of Westerners as well.Ã¢â ¬Â•Reviews of Red Pine's Collected Songs of Cold Mountain:Ã¢â ¬Â•The translatorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s preface describes his rendition of the life of Cold Mountain, offering an excellent historical and philosophical context for the simple yet profound poems attributed to the poet."—Library Journal“These are poems one must taste fully and drink whole... The poems of Han-shan read like a journal or memoir, and they often work as Zen koans, challenging the mind to go beyond the words and reason.Ã¢â ¬Â•—Parabola“Red Pine... has given us the first full collection of Han ShanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s songs in an idiom that is clear, graceful, and neutral enough to last... His translations are accurate and mirror the music of the originals... The Collected Songs of Cold Mountain is a considerable performance and a truly valuable book. Thanks to Copper Canyon's high standards of bookmaking, it is beautiful to hold and behold; thanks to Red PineÃ¢â ¬â„¢s care, it will survive as the definitive text of Han Shan in English for many years. It belongs on the shelf of everyone with an interest in poetry and... should be opened often."—The Bloomsbury Review“An exquisite publication that captures the Taoist practice of passionate attention, of being still inside and relaxed in the comforts and discomforts around you, going nowhere else... We discover this in the poetÃ¢â ¬â„¢s vision and spirit, in the precision and balance of the translatorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s scholarship and heart, and in the elegant wilderness of the bookmakerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s art around them. On every level this is a beautiful

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