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generally regarded as one of the foremost works of philosophy in any language this important book by a brilliant chinese philosopher and one of taoism s founding fathers has exerted a profound influence on chinese thought and led to the development of zen buddhism this new edition contains a number of the most relevant and accessible selections from that great classic

the book of chuang tzu draws together the stories tales jokes and anecdotes that have gathered around the figure of chuang tzu one of the great founders of taoism chaung tzu lived in the fourth century bc and is among the most enjoyable and intriguing personalities in the whole of chinese philosophy

classic writings from the great zen master in exquisite versions by thomas merton in a new edition with a preface by his holiness the dalai

lama working from existing translations thomas merton composed a series of his own versions of the classic sayings of chuang tzu the most spiritual of chinese philosophers chuang tzu who wrote in the fourth and third centuries b c is the chief authentic historical spokesperson for taoism and its founder lao tzu a legendary character known largely through chuang tzu s writings indeed it was because of chuang tzu and the other taoist sages that indian buddhism was transformed in china into the unique vehicle we now call by its japanese name zen the chinese sage abounds in wit and paradox and shattering insights into the true ground of being thomas merton no stranger to asian thought brings a vivid modern idiom to the timeless wisdom of tao

an ancient chinese text from the late warring states period 475 b c 221 b c chuang tzu is a collection of stories and anecdotes which exemplify the carefree nature of the ideal taoist recluses sages and immortals named after its author master chuang this body of work is simply referred to as chuang tzu it remains one of the two foundational texts of taoism along with the tao te ching chuang tzu s array of anecdotes parables allegories and fables are often humorous or irreverent in nature its main themes are spontaneity in non causative action and freedom from the mundane world the fables and anecdotes in this text attempt to illustrate the delusion of human conceptualisations and the folly of human moralisation and discernment concepts such as good and evil large and small life and death man and nature are philosophically examined whilst confucian legalist and moh ist philosophers were concerned with concrete social political and ethical reform designed to alleviate the problems and suffering of the world chuang tzu promoted carefree wandering and becoming one with tao by freeing oneself from entanglement through the taoist principle of non causative action throughout human history innumerable books have developed on the subject of existence however very few of these books discuss non existence amid the myriads of these authors from antiquity through to the end of days only one in his carefree style demonstrates what exists what does not exist and what transcends the limits of existence and non existence chuang tzu his approach was radical and subversive not only during the time it was written but remains fresh and surprising to readers today and readers in future until the end of days this particular quality of chuang tzu is central to its genius and makes it so highly regarded as both a philosophical and literary work for a span of more than 2000 years it has significantly influenced writers from the han dynasty to the present day whilst the text stands as a work of philosophy and literature and was written with a light touch and an ear for humour there is also a deep and important function at its core chuang tzu gives important and specific guidance for those truly in search of the path to enlightenment and the transcendence of all limitations as a text of such richness depth multiplicity and spiritual gravity chuang tzu may very well be unchallenged as a written work surpassing all others this book has been created with particular attention to helping the reader fully engage with the work of chuang tzu each chapter boasts at least one but up to three line art illustrations in order to vividly convey the humorous and integral import of stories anecdotes fables and arguments within the text readers will also find that annotation and commentary account for more than half of the content these extensive line by line notes are conveniently provided within each chapter offering interpretations of many ambiguous and hidden concepts as well as historical and cultural references the combination of well designed illustrations and carefully considered annotation has infused this book with a depth of content and graceful aesthetic

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chuang tzu considered along with lao tzu one of the great figures of early taoist thought used parables and anecdotes allegory and paradox to illustrate that real happiness and freedom are found only in understanding the tao or way of nature and dwelling in its unity the respected trappist monk thomas merton spent several years reading and reflecting upon four different translations of the chinese classic that bears chuang tzu s name the result is this collection of poetic renderings of the great sage s work that conveys its spirit in a way no other translation has and that was merton s personal favorite among his more than fifty books both prose and verse are included here as well as a short section from merton discussing the most salient themes of chuang tzu s teachings

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chuang tzu is the second greatest classical work of taoist thought and philosophy in china it has had great influence both on china and on the rest of the world since it began to be disseminated it is mostly written in the form of fable all of the fables are written by traversing space time to elucidate the great tao and the philosophy of life it has shone is shining and will shine on the development of the world with taoist wisdom chuang tzu is always an indispensable guideline to the people who are confused as we know the rich material world cannot change the poor spiritual world the pursuit for material life is like a shackle which makes it impossible for people to find a

final and stable home to return to people are deeply involved in the construction of material life without stop but they can hardly find where their real happiness is in their lives faced with this universal problem the western society turns to jesus for a solution while the oriental society turns to chuang tzu s leisurely and care free philosophy for a solution just like lao tzu chuang tzu always reminds people to find for themselves the root of moral character nature and return to it if people do not return to the root they will lose their real happiness of life to taste life better people should read chuang tzu to become leisurely and carefree people should read chuang tzu chuang tzu can help people broaden their horizon and learn how to look at their life from a higher standing point and find real happiness for themselves this work though named new paraphrase of chuang tzu is actually an english version of chuang tzu it is just aimed to set up a bridge between english readers and chuang tzu

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in this vivid contemporary translation victor mair captures the quintessential life and spirit of chuang tzu while remaining faithful to the original text

this book offers a fundamentally new interpretation of the philosophy of the chuang tzu it is the first full length work of its kind which argues that a deep level cognitive structure exists beneath an otherwise random collection of literary anecdotes cryptic sayings and dark allusions the author carefully analyzes myths legends monstrous characters paradoxes parables and linguistic puzzles as strategically placed techniques for systematically tapping and channeling the spiritual dimensions of the mind allinson takes issue with commentators who have treated the chuang tzu as a minor foray into relativism chapter titles are re translated textual fragments are relocated and inauthentic outer miscellaneous chapters are carefully separated from the transformatory message of the authentic inner chapters each of the inner chapters is shown to be a building block to the next so that they can only be understood as forming a developmental sequence in the end the reader is presented with a clear consistent and coherent view of the chuang tzu that is more in accord with its stature as a major philosophical work

revered for millennia in the chinese spiritual tradition of the tao te ching this poetic translation of an ancient taoist text comes alive for the modern reader witty engaging and spiced with the lyricism of poetry chuang tzu s taoist insights in the inner chapters are timely and eternal the only sustained section of text widely believed to be the work of chuang tzu himself these chapters date to the 4th century b c e and are profoundly concerned with spiritual ecology with bold and startling prose david hinton s vital translation is surprisingly modern making this ancient text from the golden age of chinese philosophy come alive for contemporary readers the inner chapters fantastical

passages offer up a wild menagerie of characters freewheeling play with language and surreal humor interwoven with chuang tzu s sharp instruction on the tao are short stories that are often rough and ribald rich with satire and paradox

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immerse yourself in the timeless wisdom of the east with the book of chuang tzu by chuang tzu this profound collection of philosophical insights and parables offers readers a glimpse into the mind of one of ancient china s greatest thinkers as chuang tzu shares his teachings questions arise what is the nature of reality and how can we find peace and harmony in a world filled with chaos and uncertainty experience the depth and clarity of chuang tzu s philosophy as he guides readers on a journey of self discovery and enlightenment each passage is a window into the profound truths of existence inviting readers to contemplate the nature of existence and their place within the universe but beyond the teachings lies a deeper truth the book of chuang tzu is more than just a collection of philosophical musings it s a guide to living a life of wisdom compassion and inner peace prepare to be inspired by the timeless wisdom of the book of chuang tzu chuang tzu s insights will challenge your perceptions expand your consciousness and open your heart to the boundless possibilities of the universe indulge in the richness of chuang tzu s teachings as you explore the depths of his philosophy through his poetic language and profound metaphors you ll gain a deeper understanding of the nature of reality and the interconnectedness of all things are you ready to embark on a journey of self discovery with the book of chuang tzu dive into this timeless classic now and discover the wisdom that has inspired generations of seekers and sages don t miss your chance to explore the depths of eastern philosophy with the book of chuang tzu order your copy today and embark on a journey of transformation and enlightenment that will stay with you long after you ve turned the final page

in chuang tzu mystic moralist and social reformer zhuangzi presents a profound exploration of daoist philosophy woven through parables and allegories that challenge conventional thought employing a whimsical yet incisive literary style the text juxtaposes humor with deep moral questions allowing readers to engage with themes of relativism the nature of reality and the pursuit of harmony set against the backdrop of the warring states period in china this work reflects the socio political turmoil of its time revealing a holistic perspective that seeks to transcend rigid societal norms and promote a more authentic existence zhuangzi a seminal figure in daoism draws from his

experiences in a fluctuating society embedding personal reflections on spirituality governance and individuality within his narrative his life in a time of instability likely inspired his critiques of established institutions as well as his advocacy for a return to simpler nature oriented living zhuangzi s unique blend of mysticism and practical ethics situates him as not only a philosopher but also a subtle social reformer aiming to illuminate the path towards personal and societal flourishing this text is highly recommended for readers interested in ancient philosophy as it invites them to question their perceptions and the rigid structures of society through zhuangzi s engaging tales readers will find themselves on a transformative journey of thought encouraging a deeper understanding of the self and the world around them in this enriched edition we have carefully created added value for your reading experience a succinct introduction situates the work s timeless appeal and themes the synopsis outlines the central plot highlighting key developments without spoiling critical twists a detailed historical context immerses you in the era s events and influences that shaped the writing an author biography reveals milestones in the author s life illuminating the personal insights behind the text a thorough analysis dissects symbols motifs and character arcs to unearth underlying meanings reflection questions prompt you to engage personally with the work s messages connecting them to modern life hand picked memorable quotes shine a spotlight on moments of literary brilliance interactive footnotes clarify unusual references historical allusions and archaic phrases for an effortless more informed read

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