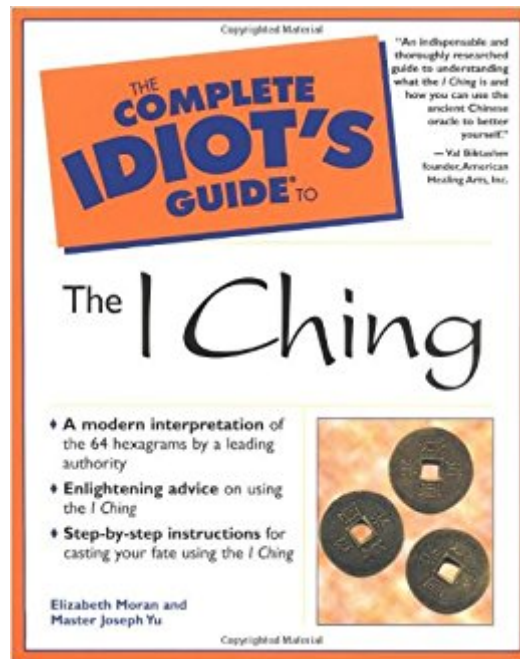




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# The Complete Idiot's Guide To I Ching



## Synopsis

The Complete Idiot's Guide to the I Ching addresses many questions: What is the I Ching? Who wrote it? How does it work? How is an oracle written 3,000 years ago relevant to the modern world? How can I use the I Ching to answer a question, concern, or dilemma? How does the I Ching relate to chaos theory, theoretical physics, psychology, and mathematics? In The Complete Idiot's Guide to the I Ching, you'll learn that this revered work is not just a silly book of fortune-telling, a superstitious relic catering to the gullible and vulnerable. Rather, you'll come to understand the I Ching is a profound work grounded in science and mathematics. That somehow, magically and mysteriously, it connects us with the universe (or what you may choose to call the great unknown, the sea of consciousness, the spirit world, God) to provide a meaningful answer that speaks to our situation.

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## Customer Reviews

How would you like to have your own psychic hotline, available 24 hours a day? Readers will have just that with The Complete Idiot's Guide(r) to the I-Ching, the 5,000-year-old Chinese book of divination and wisdom. In Chinese, "I" means Change and "Ching" means Book; hence, the Book of Changes. By throwing or casting yarrow sticks, coins, or seeds and interpreting the way they fall, I Ching provides one of 64 hexagrams, or possible pieces of advice.

Elizabeth Moran is the co-author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Feng Shui*, a book that seeks to educate the public about what feng shui is and is not. Master Joseph Yu is the founder of the Toronto-based Feng Shui Research Center, which offers courses on feng shui, Chinese astrology, and the I Ching. He travels extensively, delivering workshops in an effort to help Chinese traditions earn recognition in the Western world.

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This book is probably the most awesome book I own. As an Oracle it has helped numerous times in my decision making and always seemed to know what I needed to know.

Humility is the gateway to learning. Prepare to be humbled, and learn! This guide for "complete idiots" wrestles with ancient truths of complicated historical twists and abstract metaphors, then jumps back in the ring for a match with modern physical and mathematical theory. The result is a respectable triumph of simplicity without condescension, thoroughness without over complication, and readability in spite of rigor. Philosophy and practical application combine to help the reader onto solid ground in this poorly understood (to Western minds) ancient Eastern practice.

I am enjoying the book. Because it also tells ancient stories besides imparting wisdom. Learning for one history along the way. In short, an interesting & educational book. Modern living can still learn the wisdom from bygone days? You decide for yourself. Can One? Magpie33

I found this an interesting addition to my experiences of I-Ching as well as Feng Shui as a study and new way to balance in my life.

While new to I Ching, I find myself fortunate to find this work. It brings a structured simplicity with comprehensiveness that is essential in order to give the I Ching veracity and approachability. Excellent.

Quite good.

I found this book in a 2nd hand bookshop and bought it out of curiosity as much as anything else. I am old enough to feel comfortable fooling around with strange stuff! I have been a regular meditator

for many years and live in hope of some day attaining realisation - whatever that might mean. So - I asked the I Ching the following question - "what must I do to attain realisation in this lifetime?". The answer given was Hexagram 33 - "retiring". The book gives the following hexagram statement "retire. there will be success... GO ON A RETREAT!!!. Take a vacation alone." Couldn't really be more specific could it. I am not sure if I want to ask how long I have to go on a retreat though - I have a job and family. The strange thing is the Richard Wilhelm translation of the I Ching talks about retreat in the military sense of withdrawing from a battle - less appropriate than this book's statement. I have asked a couple of other questions related to my business - the answers given were appropriate and actually quite helpful. This is Truly strange. This book gives a good intro. to the I Ching and seems to be a good stepping off point. I have just added this to the review - it relates to the current disaster in Japan. It is about 2PM on the 19th March in Japan. The news tells me that the Japanese hope to get electrical power connected to one of the reactors in a few hours time. I asked the I Ching the following questions: 1. What will happen at the Fukushima nuclear power station? 2. What effect will the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear reactor damage have on the Japanese economy? 3. What effect will the same events have on the world economy? Well the hexagrams I got were pretty vague and seemingly irrelevant. Question one the numbers were 897 879 - "penetrating" hexagram, with 9 on line 2 and 9 on line 6. The future hexagram was 39 "obstructing". Question 2 the numbers were 687 887 hexagram "stopping" with 6 on line 1. the future hexagram was 22 "adorning". Question 3 the numbers were 967 787 - hexagram "brightness" with 9 on line 1 and 6 on line 2. the future hexagram was 50 "the caldron". I won't go into all the hexagram statements but they seem rather off track in terms of answering the questions, whether I use the "complete idiot's guide" or Wilhelm. So - the "answers" don't seem that relevant but maybe I asked the wrong questions. My earlier questions (my first using the Complete Idiots guide) were answered with seemingly appropriate responses. Go figure!

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