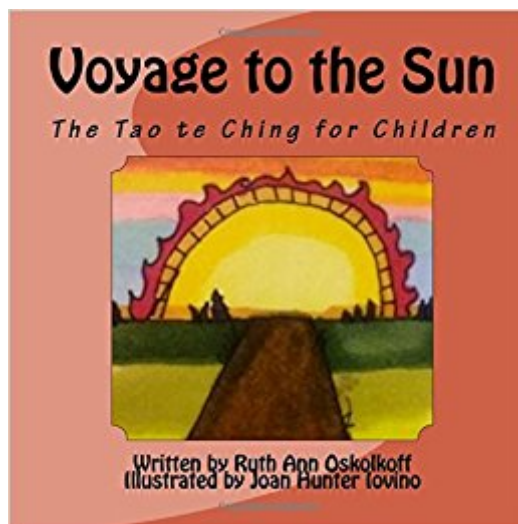


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Voyage To The Sun: A Children's Version Of The Tao Te Ching



Synopsis

A Children's version of the classic Tao te Ching with text that is accessible to the young. The pages contain the ideas present in the original Tao but simplified for children. An additional storyline has been added about an elder's visit to a family with two children. Whimsical illustrations by Joan Hunter Iovino. Buy this for the children in your life. This book will teach them about kindness, our shared humanity, recognizing natural patterns, to look for the subtle and the nuanced, and to be bold and learn to think for themselves. It encourages them to put aside hate and take steps to be a positive influence in the world. Parents are finding their children just love this book. The small ones love the easy words and whimsical bright illustrations. A reviewer wrote "from the first page, my 8 year old daughter was pulled in to the story and the lessons about life, magic, friendship, and contentment. It makes a wonderful gift for all the growing ones in your life. For all elementary and middle school grades.

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Customer Reviews

Ruth wrote this book as a mother after looking around and trying to find a children's version. Not finding a single children's version in English of the ancient Tao te Ching she tasked herself with creating something her son would enjoy. She worked to remain true to the original ideas while creating simple poetic language a child could enjoy. The illustrations are beautiful and add to the message of the book. In addition to the experience of being a mother and studying religion for 40 years, Ruth possesses a Master of Arts in Humanities and a Certificate in Poetry Writing. This uniquely qualifies her to write children's books, comment on popular culture, and travel on pilgrimages. She shares an apartment with her family, and lives without a car in a big city. The artist

Joan Hunter lovino was born in Washington, D.C. and after a decade of travels across the United States, now resides in rural Maryland with her "road cat" Driftwood. She spends the majority of her time in her studio drinking cold coffee and making a mess.

Voyage to the Sun is that rare children's book which brings the concepts of patience and understanding in very easily absorbed text as well as beautiful images. In a field of books for children, some of which which may educate rather than overstimulate, the meaning and the format combine to bring a sense of mindfulness while reading the pages. I felt calmed while going through each page. This book represents a quadruple value: reaching a child as well as a parent/guardian on two levels: 1) the ideas being presented combat the messiness and overstimulation of today's life with electronic gadgets, scheduled lives with time constraints, and absence of quiet times, and 2) the book appeals to multiple ages who can savor the special moments together while repeating valuable life lessons. And who doesn't know a child who requests a repeat reading of a cherished book? Its uniqueness and beauty make this a wonderful gift for a special child.

Voyage to the Sun is a lovely children's version of the ancient classic Tao Te Ching. The words of the book are simple and poetic. They encourage qualities such as quiet, listening, observation, open-heartedness, fun, simplicity, imagination, dreaming, learning to think for yourself, and best of all, kindness and compassion. These qualities are lacking in American society, so this book is an excellent way to introduce children to them and reinforce these concepts. Tao literally means "the way" in Chinese. Taoism is a philosophy that has to do with aligning with nature and going with the flow of the universe. The concepts of Taoism can be quite complex, but this book makes them simple and clear. They talk about mysteries, beauty, magic, and nature. Joan Hunter lovino's illustrations are whimsical. The colors are rich and luminous. They make a perfect accompaniment for the beautiful words. I wish this book had been in my childhood library. I am going to send a copy right away to my great nieces and nephews and my godson's daughters. And I'll keep one for myself when I need a reset.

Beautiful book! The teachings of the Tao in a simplified version helps adults & children understand it better. This is a teaching tool for life! Thank you Ruth Ann for this amazing book!

I bought a copy for myself, loved it, and bought another for my nine year old granddaughter Simmi. She read it with my daughter and they loved it too. When they got to the part about big cities not

being in touch with the Tao, Simmi observed that thanks to President Trump, neither is America. As with the classical Tao te Ching, the book is intriguing and thought provoking. Short one-page titled sections in a kid-size font help make the book accessible to children. The illustrations are exquisite and are as intriguing as the text.

This is the kind of book that really makes a positive difference in the way you see things. From the first page, my 8 year old daughter was pulled in to the story and the lessons about life, magic, friendship, and contentment. I'm so glad I got this book for her!

Love this book! I use it in child therapy. Thank you Ruth Ann Oskolkoff.

Voyage to the Sun is a wonderful book, it's already one of my six year olds favorites. I highly recommend it.

Beautifully translated and illustrated. A treasure for both children and adults alike. Ruth is a very intuitive and sensitive philosopher, and that shines through in this wonderful gem!

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