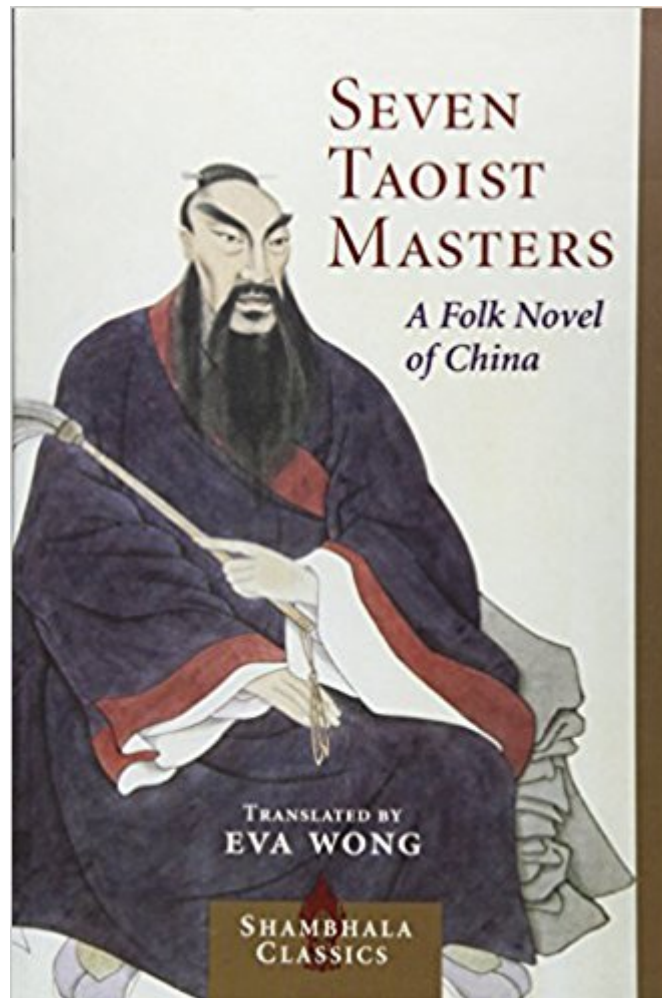




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History and legend are interwoven in this folk novel that both entertains and instructs. Written by an unknown author, *Seven Taoist Masters* is the story of six men and one woman who overcome tremendous hardships on the journey to self-mastery. These characters and their teacher, Wang Ch'ung-yang, are all historical figures who lived in the Southern Sung (1127-1279) and Yuan (1271-1368) dynasties. Wang is regarded as the greatest patriarch of the Complete Reality school, a highly purified branch of Taoism having a strong affinity with Zen Buddhism. The novel brings to life the essentials of Taoist philosophy and practice, both through the instructions offered by Wang on topics such as the cultivation of mind and body, meditation techniques, and overcoming the obstacles to enlightenment and through the experiences of the characters.

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Eva Wong is an independent scholar and a practitioner of the Taoist arts of the Pre-Celestial Way and Complete Reality lineages. She has written and translated many books on Taoism and related topics, including *A Master Course in Feng-Shui*; *Tales of the Taoist Immortals*; and *Taoism: An Essential Guide*.

This is an interesting and easy to read Taoist novel. There is a list of other books by her to read as well. Also I found out that she has a mediation retreat in Colorado where you can stay and sign up for classes. Fees are extremely modest and include meals.

I bought this book to use as inspiration and support in practicing my basic Taoist meditations. I read this book so fast I had to slow myself down so that I got more out of it and make it last longer! Seven Taoist Masters is the story of a Taoist practitioner's accomplishment of enlightenment/immortality and his leading seven disciples to this state. This book is great because it has teachings told in the form of a story making it very easy to incorporate personally. There are also direct teachings of masters given to disciples and many principles of the Tao are casually in the book allowing the reader to absorb the principles with little conscious effort. Fantastic book! One of my favorite parts of the book was seeing Buddhism and Taoism existing together in Chinese society and the interaction of various Taoist and Buddhist masters. As a student of Buddhism for many years I found many teachings of the Buddha included in this book in the Taoist context. Very informational, transformational, and FUN book for me! Like I said I couldn't put it down and was even reading to my girlfriend all the time, because I couldn't hold in my excitement with spiritual principles woven throughout the book. I am mailing the book to my mother now to (hopefully) share the growth, excitement, and inspiration I received from reading this. Enjoy!

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The Greatest spiritual Movie ever made has not yet been made. Come on, aspiring screenwriters! This one is a hit! I've loved this book for years. and would love to see it on the big screen. Especially the moment Chiu Chang Chun offers his head to the police officers he has carried across the rushing river... and alas, one of the men has dropped the bandit's head he was taking to the Court. The story is so compelling that one forgets it's a spiritual teaching. That's what makes it so helpful and appealing.

This was a great joy to read. Eva Wong did a fantastic job translating it, and I see it as very likely that I will read this book again in a few years to get a deeper and brighter appreciation and understanding of it. This is not a book of hokey and predictable 'wisdom'--it is piercing and humble and beautiful and greatly generalizable, so that the lessons it contains can and do apply to all who would be smart enough to read it. I highly recommend this wonderful book, and you should consider

it a blessing that this great old story has become available to you in such a clear and accessible form.

I enjoyed it very much. I am very involved in Taoist Tai Chi classes, and we are discussing this book at a book club meeting once a month. The leader of the book club is very knowledgeable and able to explain the deeper meaning behind the story.

Wonderful storytelling that makes you feel connected and entangles you. Highly recommend this book for anyone interested in Daoism or folklore. Delivered nice and timely as well!

I had a copy of this before and somehow it got lost. I really enjoy this book, it's teaching through parable, allegory and metaphor so much that I want to keep a copy around. I do obviously recommend this book as an excellent read.

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