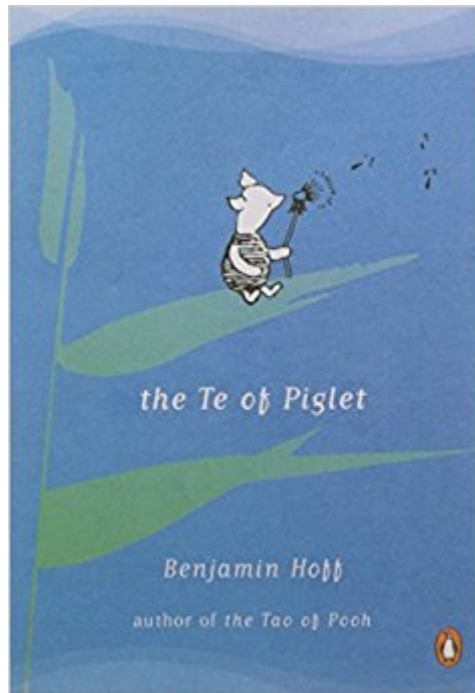




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Synopsis

The Te of Piglet . . . in which a good deal of Taoist wisdom is revealed through the character and actions of A. A. Milne's Piglet. Piglet? Yes, Piglet. For the better than impulsive Tigger? or the gloomy Eeyore? or the intellectual Owl? or even the lovable Pooh? Piglet herein demonstrates a very important principle of Taoism: The Te--a Chinese word meaning Virtue--of the Small.Â Â Happy 90th birthday (October 14th), to one of the world's most beloved icons of Â Â literature, Winnie-the-Pooh!Â Â

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Customer Reviews

This topical Taoist manifesto, a sequel to Hoff's bestselling *The Tao of Pooh* , was a 21-week PW bestseller. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Ten years later, a sequel to the runaway bestseller *The Tao of Pooh*. If you like marshmallow laced with arsenic, it was worth the wait. In the original, as you may recall, Hoff had an Idea: that Winnie-the-Pooh could be used to explain Taoism, the ancient Chinese way of balance. Now, as luck would have it, Pooh's buddy Piglet turns out to be the perfect embodiment of Te, the Taoist term for virtue, which is attained through sensitivity, modesty, and smallness. Piglet, you see, is a "Very Small Animal" (for all his talk about smallness, Hoff, like A.A. Milne, who must be groaning in his grave, likes capital letters Very Much), and the diminutive porker's adventures are the perfect means to preach, Very Lightly, about being positive and ecological and upright. The trick is to "observe, deduce, apply"; once done, the millennial "Day of Piglet" will arrive and human beings

will once again achieve ``the state of paradise that existed before the Great Separation occurred.” Watch out, though: All is not summer in the 100-Acre Wood. Beneath the goofy grin one finds bared teeth, as Hoff snaps away peevishly at Confucianism (``authoritarian, No- Nonsense attitude toward life”), Christianity, feminism (``behind their antimasculine words, it’s Overmasculinity as Usual”), Republicans, critics, computers--whatever raises his Taoist hackles. All in a Good Cause, of course. No doubt, The Ching of Eeyore comes next. Then what? Well, by then the Day of Piglet will have come, and the whole world will be a Trillion-Acre Wood...so empty your pockets while you can, and watch Piglet bring home the bacon. (Illustrated with 51 line drawings from the original Pooh books. However did they dare?) -- Copyright ©1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Tao of Pooh, is an amazing book. Hoff should have stopped there. This book isn’t glaringly awful, I didn’t destroy it after reading it or anything. But really, this book is just not as good as I expected it would be. Towards the end Hoff does a lot talking about what is essentially a doomsday and what’s wrong with our society through the stylistic veil of "The Tao of Pooh" This book seemed more like a personal rant presented through the incredibly successful form of "The Tao of Pooh"Get "The Tao of Pooh" instead, just read that. Pretend that this book doesn’t exist.

Have had the book set for about a month.What a clever way to present the wisdom of Taoist principles which I’ve been interested in learning.Pooh and Piglet in their respective books talk to and ask questions of the author who gradually leads them to understanding. Because Pooh and Piglet are involved, one might think these are children’s books. They are not.These are also not books to sit down and read in one sitting. They are books to read, put down and ‘think on’ about before moving on to the next chapter

Absolutely adorable books for someone who both loves children’s literature and philosophy. These books are filled with delightful little insights into the motivations behind Pooh and his friends, comparing the id and the ego of Pooh and Piglet while drawing comparisons from literature and schools of thought throughout the world. If you’re a lover of literature or just curious about why Pooh Bear does what he does, this is definitely an excellent addition to your collection!

Bought this for a gift for a friend. He loved it! It comes in a great package to fit both the tao and the te. I haven’t read the Te of Piglet, but I thoroughly enjoyed the Tao of Pooh. The ideas of Taoism

are explained in a fittingly simple manner through our beloved Pooh Bear and the adventures he goes on. A really great gift or just a boxset for your own enjoyment. I would highly recommend reading these books.

Benjamin Hoff used this as a soap box to rant about nuclear power, political correctness, 1990s education and even microwave ovens! These issues did not resonate as timeless and were tedious to someone hoping for more on Tao philosophy. I did finish it, and there was a sprinkling of Tao even in the last pages. Don't know that I would have kept reading if I hadn't been stuck in a hotel in Arlington on a very cold January day!

I bought this as a gift for a family member and he LOVED it! These books have deep meaning spelled out in simple terms. They're a definite must read since we all could use some good advice from the world's favorite bear and his friends and it's written in a way that makes you smile yet gives you a different, more simplistic outlook on life. Sometimes we make things so difficult for ourselves and Pooh and Piglet have a way of helping us to see, in only a way these story book characters could, that life doesn't have to be this way. In fact it can be quite the opposite if we just embrace the simplicity they talk about. I would definitely buy this again and this time get one for myself and another for a gift since my original Tao of Pooh is now making it's rounds I probably won't see it again for awhile!

It's the two separate publications combined ... duh. I bought these way back when, so I have the separate hardcover editions, but I bought this one as a gift for someone who had never read either. If your main purpose is reading and not collecting this is an inexpensive and simple way to get both in one shot. If you've never read them, well you must. No excuses. Whether you're interested in Taoism or not these books have some great little kernels of wisdom and truth for all beliefs and walks of life.

I was put off on the whole book. I love the Tao of Pooh, but in this book the author spends a lot of time criticizing the Western culture and how it has failed. It just is very critical and I wish I had not sullied my outlook with his negative pragmatism.

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