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THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO TAOISM. By Brandon Toropov and Chad Hansen. New York: Alpha Books, 2002. Pp. 336; illustrations; appendices; index. Paper, \$16.95, ISBN 0-02-864262-7.

This book is exactly what it claims to be.

For accurate, historically sound introductions to the religious tradition *which is Daoism*, which take at least the last twenty years of scholarship into account and are written by actual scholars of Daoism, read *Taoism: Growth of a Religion* by Isabelle Robinet (Stanford University Press, 1997); *Daoism and Chinese Culture* by Livia Kohn (Three Pines Press, 2001); *Daoism: A Short Introduction* by James Miller (Oneworld, 2003); *Taoism: The Enduring Tradition* by Russell Kirkland (Routledge, 2004); *The Daoist Tradition: An Introduction* by Louis Komjathy (Bloomsbury Academic, 2013); and *Daoism: A Guide for the Perplexed* by Louis Komjathy (Bloomsbury Academic, 2014), with the latter two being authoritative and preferred. Readers with additional motivation to develop an informed understanding may consult the three primary reference works in Western Daoist Studies, namely, *Daoism Handbook* (Brill, 2000); *The Taoist Canon: A Historical Companion to the Daozang* (University of Chicago Press, 2004); and *The Encyclopedia of Taoism* (Routledge, 2008).

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