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I loved William Martin's The Parent's Tao Te Ching. Advocating patience, compassion, simplicity, and parental awareness, these ancient lessons allow mothers and fathers to quietly reflect on their own selfhood, then to see and respond to their children's authentic selves. Every parent should keep this book on their bedside table to read and re-read as they negotiate the tumultuous reality of family life -- *Virginia Beane Rutter, Jungian analyst and author of Celebrating Girls: Nurturing and Empowering Our Daughters*

If ever there was an undertaking that could use every bit of ancient wisdom available it is parenting, and William Martin's The Parent's Tao Te Ching consistently and elegantly brings us back to the beautiful depths of this most honored role -- *Will Glennon, author of Fathering and 200 Ways to Raise a Girl's Self-esteem*

William Martin shows how the universal lessons of Taoism can be applied to parenthood. In the process, he not only sheds light on the most sacred of tasks we face, but he also works to bring peace and understanding to a coming generation -- *Deng Ming-Dao, author of The Chronicles of Tao, 365 Tao and Everyday Tao*

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