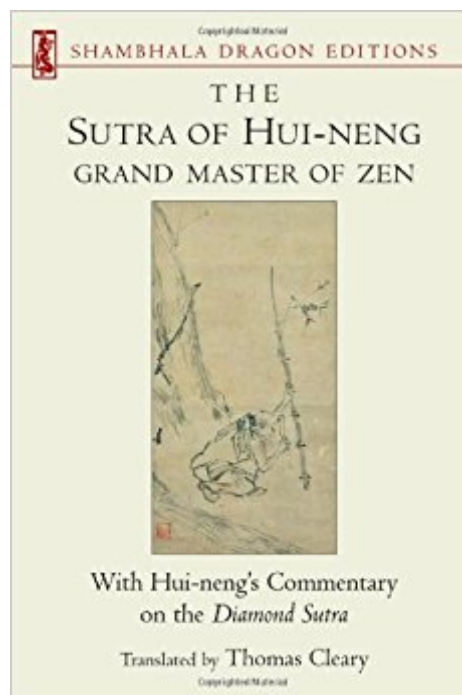


The book was found

The Sutra Of Hui-neng, Grand Master Of Zen: With Hui-neng's Commentary On The Diamond Sutra (Shambhala Dragon Editions)



Synopsis

Hui-neng (638–713) is perhaps the most beloved and respected figure in Zen Buddhism. An illiterate woodcutter who attained enlightenment in a flash, he became the Sixth Patriarch of Chinese Zen, and is regarded as the founder of the "Sudden Enlightenment" school. He is the supreme exemplar of the fact that neither education nor social background has any bearing on the attainment of enlightenment. This collection of his talks, also known as the Platform or Altar Sutra, is the only Zen record of its kind to be generally honored with the appellation sutra, or scripture. The Sutra of Hui-neng is here accompanied by Hui-neng's verse-by-verse commentary on the Diamond Sutraâin its very first published English translation ever.

Book Information

Series: Shambhala Dragon Editions

Paperback: 161 pages

Publisher: Shambhala; 1st edition (September 14, 1998)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1570623481

ISBN-13: 978-1570623486

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.5 x 8.9 inches

Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 22 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #376,400 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #177 inÂBooks > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Eastern > Buddhism > Sacred Writings #351 inÂBooks > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Eastern > Buddhism > Zen > Philosophy #458 inÂBooks > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Eastern > Buddhism > Zen > Spirituality

Customer Reviews

"The latest work from a distinguished and prolific translator is a new rendering of a celebrated Zen text, The Sutra of Hui-neng. This comes with what is stated to be the first English translation of Hui-neng's verse-by-verse commentary on the Diamond Sutra."â The Middle Way

Text: English (translation) Original Language: Chinese

I had my hesitation about buying Cleary's translation at first and in a few places my suspicions were upheld. As in his using "aborigine" instead of "barbarian," in the opening discussion where the 5th

patriarch meets the 6th. He explained it fully in the footnotes at the end of the book. Aborigine loses much of the impact that Barbarian has, maybe a hat tip to today's political correctness? If we wished to update the language to today's reader, "hillbilly" would have been the more correct colloquial expression as a direct translation of "indigenous mountain dweller". Even that though is clumsy. All in all though he does a superlative job. I also recommend the following versionÂ The Platform Sutra of the Sixth PatriarchÂ which is the one that was required for a Zen Buddhism class I had in college way back in the 80's. It is far better and well worth the extra price.

Grand Master Hui-Neng stresses that Essential Nature has nothing to do with intellectual prowess, social status, or previous experience. Being an illiterate "Aborigine" (his words), his grasping (or non-grasping) of the Essential Mind had nothing to do with the written word, but instead, had all to do with the meaning. He expounds the Original One Mind in everyday, straight forward language. He is not speaking, or rather, dumbing down, what the essential experience of Zen is. In my opinion, this is an essential manual for the initial understanding in Zen, but as Grand Master Hui-Neng stresses, you must not become attached to the manual, but rely solely on your own intuitive mind.

A revealing look at a legendary figure in the history of Zen, in his own words (sort of, translated from a vastly different time and culture through a 1300 year lens). A bit like viewing the light from a star that is 1300 light years away, using a rough set of lenses. The light shines through, albeit with unknown distortions, but we are delighted to see it nonetheless.

Everything was great! Super service!

Really cool book. I've been getting a lot out of it. I read a lot of books on Buddhism, but I was able to get some really good insight from this one.

This is one of my favorite buddhist texts. It gives a great story and back story to one of the grand masters of zen buddhism! Highly recommended!

CLEARY IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TRANSLITERATORS IN WESTERN CULTURE!

I enjoyed this book because it flows well. I think it is a must read if you are interested in Ch'an Buddhism (AKA Zen in Japanese).

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Sutra of Hui-neng, Grand Master of Zen: With Hui-neng's Commentary on the Diamond Sutra (Shambhala Dragon Editions) ZEN: Everything You Need to Know About Forming Zen Habits
A Practical Guide to Find Inner Peace, Practice Mindfulness & Learn Zen Meditation (Zen Buddhism, Zen Mastery, Zen for Beginners) Zen Buddhism: How Zen Buddhism Can Create A Life of Peace, Happiness and Inspiration (Zen Buddhism for Beginners, Zen, Zen Books) Zen: Beginner's Guide to Understanding & Practicing Zen Meditation to Become Present (Zen for Beginners, Zen Meditation, Zen Habits, Meditation for Beginners) Dragon NaturallySpeaking: Dragon NaturallySpeaking Essentials, Dragon NaturallySpeaking Basics, Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Beginners, Dragon NaturallySpeaking ... Commands You Need to Know, Dragon Master Zen: Zen For Beginners The Ultimate Guide To Incorporating Zen Into Your Life A Zen Buddhism Approach To Happiness And Inner Peace Zen: How to Practice Zen Everywhere in Your Daily Life (FREE Bonus Inside) (Zen Meditation, Zen for Beginners, Buddhism) Zen Flesh Zen Bones: A Collection of Zen and Pre-Zen Writings Zen and Zen Classics 1: From the Upanishads to Huineng (Zen & Zen Classics) Buddhist Wisdom: The Diamond Sutra and The Heart Sutra Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind: Informal Talks on Zen Meditation and Practice (Shambhala Library) The Yoga-Sutra of Patanjali: A New Translation with Commentary (Shambhala Classics) Dragon-Born: The Dragon-Born Saga Books 1-3, Half-Blood Dragon, Magic-Born Dragon, Queen of the Dragons Kama Sutra: Best Sex Positions from Kama Sutra and Tantra to Skyrocket Your Sex Life (Kama Sutra, Sex Positions, How to have Sex, Tantric Sex) (Volume 1) The Mysticism of Sound and Music: The Sufi Teaching of Hazrat Inayat Khan (Shambhala Dragon Editions) The Mysticism of Sound and Music (Shambhala Dragon Editions) by Khan, Hazrat Inayat Revised 1st (first) Shamb Edition (1996) Tao of Organization: The I Ching for Group Dynamics (Shambhala Dragon Editions) A Flash of Lightning in the Dark of Night: A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life (Shambhala Dragon Editions) The Experience of Insight: A Simple and Direct Guide to Buddhist Meditation (Shambhala Dragon Editions) The Heart of Awareness: A Translation of the Ashtavakra Gita (Shambhala Dragon Editions)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)