

# Genuine Pretending: On the Philosophy of the Zhuangzi



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The Zhuangzi is a seminal work of Taoist thought, and one of the most important and influential works in Chinese philosophy. It is a collection of stories, parables, and dialogues that explore the nature of reality, the meaning of life, and the best way to live. Genuine Pretending is a new book by Brook Ziporyn that offers an engaging and insightful exploration of the philosophy of the Zhuangzi.

Ziporyn argues that the Zhuangzi is not simply a collection of abstract ideas, but rather a practical guide to living a good life. He shows how the Zhuangzi's teachings can help us to overcome our fears, to live in harmony with the natural world, and to find meaning and purpose in our lives.

Genuine Pretending is divided into three parts. The first part, "The Nature of Reality," explores the Zhuangzi's views on the nature of reality. Ziporyn

argues that the Zhuangzi teaches us that reality is not fixed and unchanging, but rather is constantly in flux. He also shows how the Zhuangzi's teachings can help us to overcome our attachment to the material world and to live in the present moment.

The second part of the book, "The Meaning of Life," explores the Zhuangzi's views on the meaning of life. Ziporyn argues that the Zhuangzi teaches us that the meaning of life is not to be found in achieving external goals, but rather in living in accordance with our true nature. He also shows how the Zhuangzi's teachings can help us to find peace and contentment in our lives.

The third part of the book, "The Best Way to Live," explores the Zhuangzi's views on the best way to live. Ziporyn argues that the Zhuangzi teaches us that the best way to live is to live in harmony with the natural world. He also shows how the Zhuangzi's teachings can help us to live simply, to be content with what we have, and to find joy in the small things in life.

Genuine Pretending is a thought-provoking and inspiring book that offers a fresh and insightful perspective on the philosophy of the Zhuangzi. Ziporyn's writing is clear and engaging, and he does an excellent job of explaining the Zhuangzi's complex ideas in a way that is accessible to general readers. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Taoism, Chinese philosophy, or the meaning of life.



**Brook Ziporyn** is a professor of Chinese philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books on Chinese philosophy, including *The Ethics of the Gift: Ritual, Reciprocity, and the Problem of Exchange in Early China* and *The Penumbra of Fact: Knowledge, Belief, and Literature in the Tang Dynasty*.



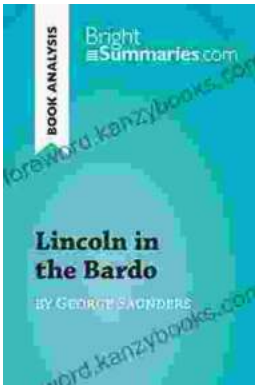
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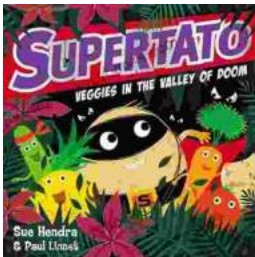
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