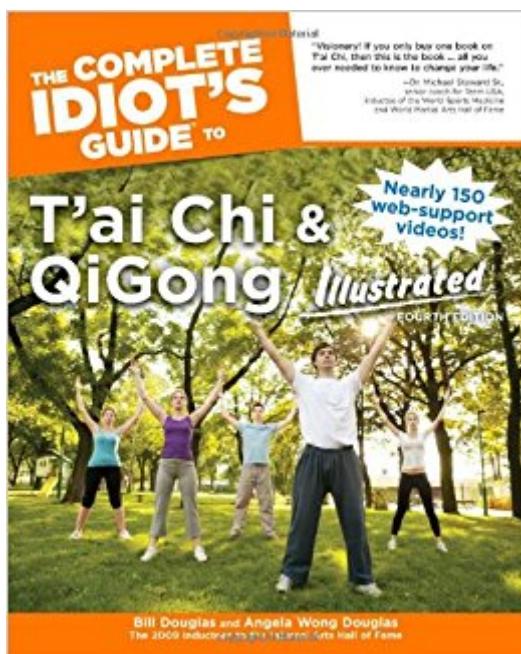


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# The Complete Idiot's Guide To T'ai Chi & QiGong Illustrated, Fourth Edition (Idiot's Guides)



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it really explains the history of tia chi as well as the purpose makes it easy to follow and the video guide just completes the whole package would go to this masters classes anytime

I'm lucky to be a student in one of Bill's classes. I truly respect his open minded approach to T'ai Chi and QiGong. He wants to make this practice accessible to everyone. As I continue to play T'ai Chi, I discover there is no end to learning - just deepening. Since I can't take Bill home in my pocket, I find this book the next best thing. It's full of information and resources that I keep coming back to. When I began to learn the long form, I used the 3rd edition and its DVD. It was helpful. I still use it some. But I absolutely love the video support for this 4th edition where you have the excellent illustrations and moving demonstration side by side. So easy! And it goes anywhere my iPad goes. So you can use it in a room or in a porch or yard where you have room to move freely. The benefits of T'ai Chi are well researched. Personally, I just feel better when I do it and it's enjoyable. Thanks Bill for the enormous amount of thought and time that has gone into making the learning so attainable. Even for a senior !

Finally the best book to practice. I started while working in East Africa, simply following the book instruction and the videos. Later on, I tried about 10 other books and several seminars. During one of those I spent 4 days working on a single mouvement. I gave up of boredom. I took me several

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Best guide to T'ai Chi & QiGong. access to the videos make this book special. Thank you Bill and Anfela Douglas

Good introduction to the subject. This would be good for someone who doesn't know anything about Qigong, since the narrative goes slowly, covering all aspects under numerous headings. There are explanations on movements, diagrams, lots of extraneous writing for the novice to ease him/her into the study since westerners are not acquainted with the study of why, and how to do the movements.

This was my first intro to Tai Chi and I really enjoyed it. The online support is fun--I can spend hours there!

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