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"If, like some, you regret that Montessori too rarely in her writings appreciated the humanity of teachers-their creativity, their curiosity, their doubts-this book stands as the perfect complement."-Jola-Montessori.com
Evocative and unique, The Tao of Montessori offers a quiet balance to the noisy demands of teaching and parenting through a special blend of encouraging verse. Award-winning Montessori teacher Catherine McTamaney revisits the eighty-one verses of Lao-tzu's Tao Te Ching and relates them to the life and work of teachers, parents, and children. Originally meant to remind rather than direct and to show the way toward natural harmony in the world around and within us, Lao-tzu's verses find a new meaning through McTamaney's skillful mixture of spirituality and education. Take a moment to read a single stanza, then put it aside and muse upon its meaning. By revisiting one verse each day, you can relate its images to your life as a teacher, parent, or child. Whether you are familiar with the writings of Lao-tzu or are simply ready to explore a refreshingly contemplative perspective on children and teachers, The Tao of Montessori is a profound work of intellectual stimulation.

The Tao of Montessori Details

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Janice says

Some interesting ideas to mull over, but just not a lot of practical help in a Montessori classroom. Great in theory, but the reality is a bit different. And much of the material seems to cover the younger kids.

Anna Holden says

The Montessori Meditation!

Becky says

I could read this book over and over... peaceful. Exactly the kind of education I want for my children-intelligent and calm. Whenever I am feeling stressed, I can pick up this book and feel completely refocused in parenting and teaching. Ahhhh.

Sara says

One of my absolute favorites... I love it so much that I really need a second copy. When it's in my office, I miss it by my bed & when it's next to my bed I want it work. Every Montessori educator should own this!

Erik Akre says

A set of reflections about Montessori practice and philosophy (mostly practice) based on a feeling for Taoist philosophy, yielding some ideas that lend themselves well to both challenge and affirmation. The Montessorian will find in this book a refreshing format and a more poetic approach to Montessori philosophy.

I enjoyed especially the use of more oblique Taoist quotations among the pages. There is no one-to-one reflection drawn from particular statements from Taoism. Rather there are mini-essays on various topics, drawn from this perspective and applied to Montessori issues, without a slavish adherence to particulars from Taoism.

A different kind of Montessori book. Recommended as such.

Kathryn says

Catherine McTamaney proposes not only ways of compassionate teaching, but on how we should treat each other and ourselves daily. Great messages for any age and stage in life to bring us back to center.
