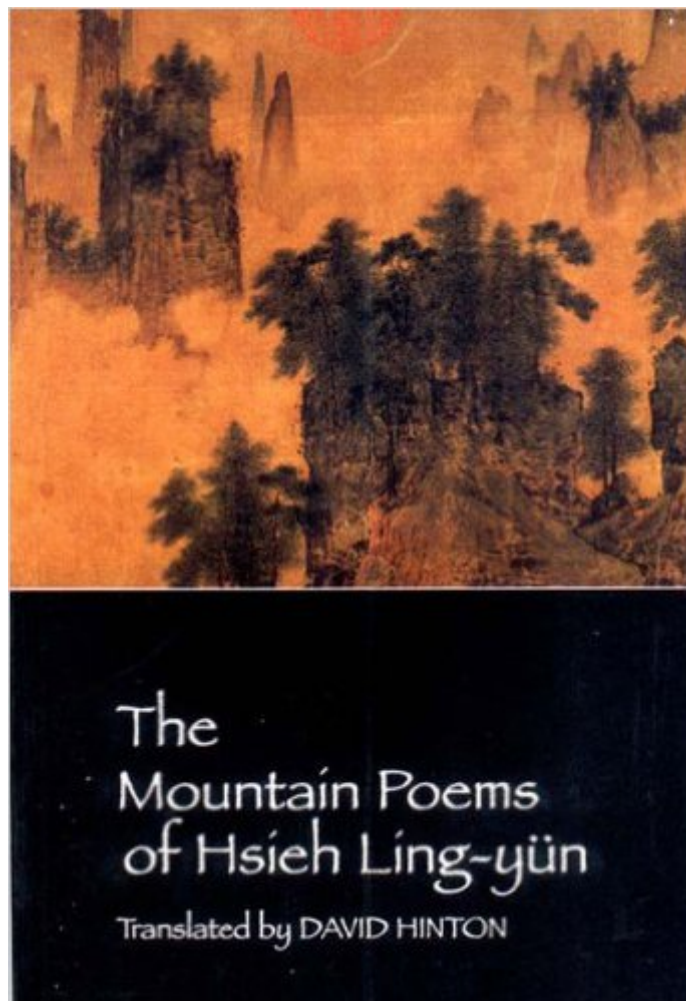


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The Mountain Poems Of Hsieh Ling-Yun



Synopsis

In our own time the "wilderness" has emerged as a source of spiritual renewal, both as idea and in actual practice. But Hsieh Ling-yǎn (385-433 C. E.) was there before us. During the last decade of his life, living as a recluse high in the mountains of southeast China, he initiated a tradition of "rivers-and-mountains" (shan-shui) poetry that stretches across the millennia in China, a tradition that represents the earliest and most extensive literary engagement with "the wild" in human history. These poems were hugely popular in Hsieh's own time and established him as one of the most innovative and influential poets in the history of Chinese poetry as well as a founder of Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism. Once again David Hinton, a recipient of fellowships from The National Endowment for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Humanities and the winner of a Harold Morton Landon Translation Award from The Academy of American Poets, has produced a fluid and supple translation that does full justice to the rivers-and-mountains of Hsieh Ling-yǎn's inspiration.

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I was so moved by Hinton's other translations that I decided to give this a try. Reading it late at night and alone it brought some truly spiritual moments. If you like Hinton's other translations, then I highly recommend this one. In fact, I would recommend this to anyone with an interest in zen, spiritual, mountain, wilderness or Chinese poetry. There is much to be admired. It's an excellent small volume and I will return to it again and again. Hsieh Ling-Yun deserves a much wider readership. He had many moments of absolute clarity, as this book attests. Note: An online bio

claims that Hsieh Ling-Yun was China's first wilderness poet. Whatever the case, he left it all behind and immersed himself in the wild. It gives you a sense of what type of person he was...

The only thing I miss in Hinton's books is the Chinese text. I wish he would include it (like Red Pine).

These poems are beautiful although they do not move me like some poems do. They are accessible. I think David Hinton translated them well.

It's just what I was looking for . Very pleased. Shipped very quickly. It's a great item, definitely recommend it to others. Thank you!

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