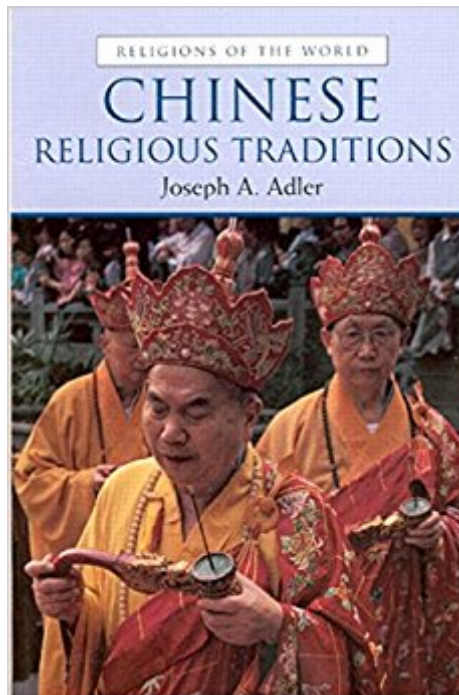




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All things considered, this book is hard to beat if you want to learn about religious traditions in China. It is a little dry, but it does a spectacular job of examining the and interpreting the culture. I highly recommend it for any kind of religions of China class as a basic text to use as a base.

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