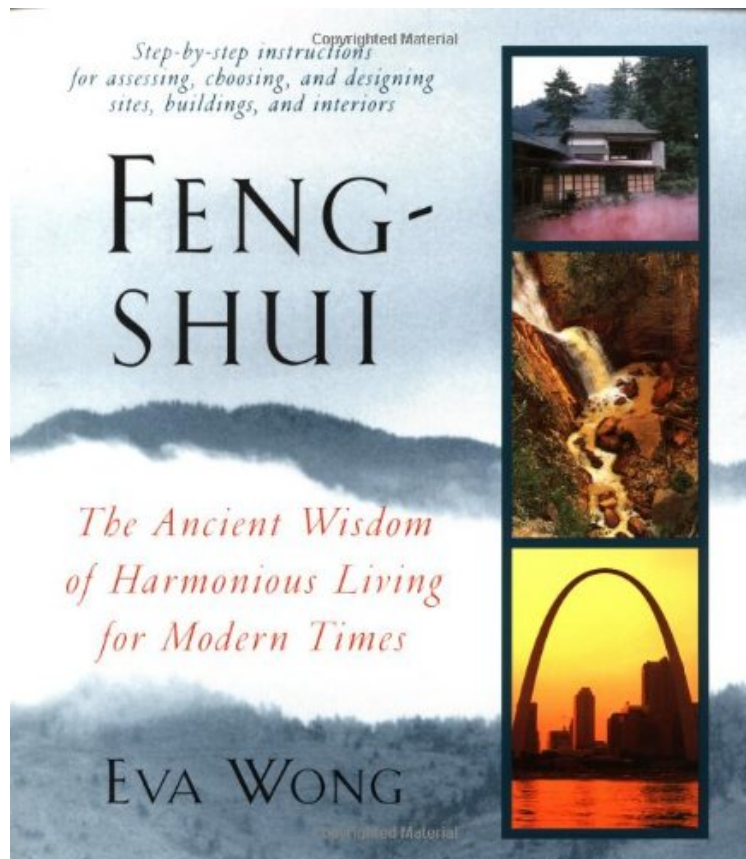


# Feng-Shui: The Ancient Wisdom of Harmonious Living for Modern Times

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**Eva Wong : Feng-Shui: The Ancient Wisdom of Harmonious Living for Modern Times** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Feng-Shui: The Ancient Wisdom of Harmonious Living for Modern Times:

85 of 89 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Reference on Form School Flying Star Feng Shui By A Customer For readers who are primarily interested in feng shui guidelines for arranging furniture and enhancing good luck sectors of their home, this book will probably prove to be a big disappointment. There is only minimal attention paid to house interiors in this book. However, for anyone with at least an intermediate knowledge of feng shui basics and an interest in pursuing an in depth study of the history of feng shui and the practice of Form School and Flying Star feng shui, this book is a wonderful source of information. In this book the author provides a detailed history of the development of feng shui and its ties to Taoist philosophy. She also includes a short but informative explanation of the Chinese calendar. She then moves on to a brief description of aspects of the geomantic compass (i.e., the Lo Pan) that are salient to her particular practice of feng shui. A considerable portion of the book is devoted to Form School feng

shui; that is, evaluating the landscape, both rural and urban, for auspicious locations. Some of this material is, admittedly, difficult to follow. I found the graphic representations of landforms to be somewhat esoteric and hard to understand. However, if you want to gain a thorough understanding of the basics of Form School feng shui as practiced by the Chinese masters, this is a terrific source of information. Trying to comprehend the material left me with an appreciation for why the Chinese require aspiring practitioners to be apprenticed to feng shui masters in order to learn the art of feng shui. The author also teaches her readers how to apply Flying Star feng shui, which she calls the Nine Palaces. The flying stars refer to nine stars (basically energy patterns) that are believed to exert an influence on one's feng shui. The author explains how to set up a natal chart for your home based on the directions faced by the front and back of the house and the cycle (according to the Chinese calendar) in which the home was built. From the natal chart you can determine the configuration of the nine stars and whether they portend benevolence or malevolence for each room of your home and its occupants. You also learn how to apply the flying star formulas on a monthly and yearly basis to see how the passage of time affects the feng shui of your home. The author includes many examples for you to follow in order to learn the technique. She also shows you how to assign bedrooms based on the occupant's year of birth and how to set up countermeasures to lessen the impact of destructive stars. Setting up and interpreting the charts requires some very detailed work, but the author walks you through it pretty well. I have found it utterly fascinating to learn Flying Star feng shui. One begins to contemplate the idea that every house has its own life cycle and that some cycles are more auspicious than others in which to build new homes. (For example, the cycle from 2004-2023 will be a particularly good time to build since houses built during this cycle will have energy that is either "high", "good", or "rising" for 160 out of the next 180 years!) I have also found the book to be a very useful reference work for understanding references to Flying Star feng shui made by other authors. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Taoist Feng Shui, with classical land form method. By Eric I had to have my own copy, after returning the libraries. Great history of feng shui, with excellent illustrations. The author has written the best books on taoism that I have read. She learned at her uncle's side, and another master at an early age. The steps to perform a feng shui reading are laid out, clearly. This book will teach flying star feng shui, with complete information to create charts oneself. Several pages on landforms, mountain dragons, and waterways. I turn to this to refresh my memory, while struggling through poorly written material by other authors. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best for those who wish to know more and are ... By Lazytea Even though this is Wong's introductory to Feng-Shui, it is quite detailed. Best for those who wish to know more and are serious about Feng-Shui for healing and prosperity. It isn't just a casual decorator's book.

The first complete, in-depth course in the traditional Chinese art of harmonious design for interiors, buildings, and sites including instructions for making your own geomantic compass for feng-shui readings. Deeply rooted in Taoist and shamanic origins, feng-shui is not simply a list of directives for building auspicious structures or arranging interiors for good luck. It is the art of reading the patterns of the universe and living in harmony with the environment. With 200 photos and diagrams.

"Real feng-shui, refreshingly expressed by a true practitioner of the art with her feet firmly grounded in the Chinese Taoist tradition. Definitely one of the top 10 books on feng-shui in English." Feng Shui for Modern Living "Even the most casual or ambivalent reader will come away from the book with a greater sensitivity to the environment landforms, rocks, trees, rivers, etc. and greater appreciation of the relationship between traditional feng-shui guidelines and many of the principles of contemporary Western ecology." Asian Thought and Society From the Back Cover Here is a complete, in-depth course in the traditional Chinese art of harmonious design - including instructions for making your own geomantic compass for feng-shui readings. The ancient art of feng-shui has guided the Chinese people for thousands of years in designing cities, building homes, and burying the dead. Deeply rooted in Taoist and shamanic origins, it is not simply a list of directives for building auspicious structures or arranging interiors for good luck - it is the art of reading the patterns of the universe and living in harmony with the environment. Today, as people become aware of the need to recover an intimate relationship with the earth and the ecosphere, feng-shui offers a set of pragmatics in choosing a home, locating a business, developing ecologically sensitive land use, and planning a harmonious neighborhood. Eva Wong offers comprehensive instructions in the basics of feng-shui, with step-by-step guidance in analyzing sites, buildings, and interiors. Readers are given a glimpse into the history of feng-shui from prehistoric to modern times through stories of shamans, magicians, Taoist mystics, and scholars. They are introduced to the theoretical foundation of feng-shui as they learn about Taoist cosmology, the Chinese calendar, and the pa-k'ua or eight-trigrams diagram. They will learn how to make and read a geomantic compass, a device from the tenth century that is still used today. They will also be drawn into a world where nature is sentient and animated by energies. With the completion of the curriculum, readers will have a working knowledge of how to live harmoniously with these energies of the earth and environment. About the Author Eva Wong is an independent scholar and a practitioner of the Taoist arts of the Pre-Celestial Way and Complete Reality lineages. She has written and translated many books on Taoism and related topics, including A Master Course in Feng-Shui; Tales of the Taoist Immortals;

and Taoism: An Essential Guide.