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A philosopher's attempt to present Zen, Nagarjuna's emptiness, and Dogen's and Hakuin's thought. Philosophers will appreciate the methods taken, and those with an interest in Zen will benefit from the very intellectual approach to explaining something typically thought of as "anti-intellectual."

The most insightful account of Buddhist thought. Opens a door to the western educated, putting the philosophy and psychology into context. 13th century asian thought dwarfs western philosophy for centuries to come.

This is the best book I know of for an English-speaking audience interested in Zen. Kasulis is a professional philosopher who is yet able to write clearly for anyone with a good general education. He knows his material; he never condescends to the reader or compromises the difficulties of understanding Zen. His discussion of Dogen--who is supremely difficult to understand--is masterful.

A wonderful book. Fairly easy to understand. Related to my course.

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This was a bit too academic for a general reader!

I've read many studies on Zen - primary readings, secondary readings, contextual studies -- and this book ranks among the finest. I have kept this in my cycle of frequently referenced books for well over fifteen years. This is not for the beginner, however, and a solid base in western philosophy, particularly Heidegger, is very helpful. A working understanding of Daoism may also be helpful. I have taught Asian thought for some years now, and the most difficult block for western students is approaching philosophies such as Daoism and Zen -- and really all of Chinese thought -- on their own terms and not through the epistemology and metaphysics common to western philosophy since Plato. Kasulis eases us into this manner of thought through ideas that are more familiar until finally we can understand why, after Zen insight, mountains are really mountains, and rivers are really rivers.

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