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In this book Graham Horwood describes the various styles of Tai Chi Chuan, exploring its roots in the Chinese philosophy of Taoism as well as elaborating on the evolution it has undergone over millennia. He highlights parallels between its source, The I Ching, and archetypal principles from both Eastern and Western philosophy and medicine.