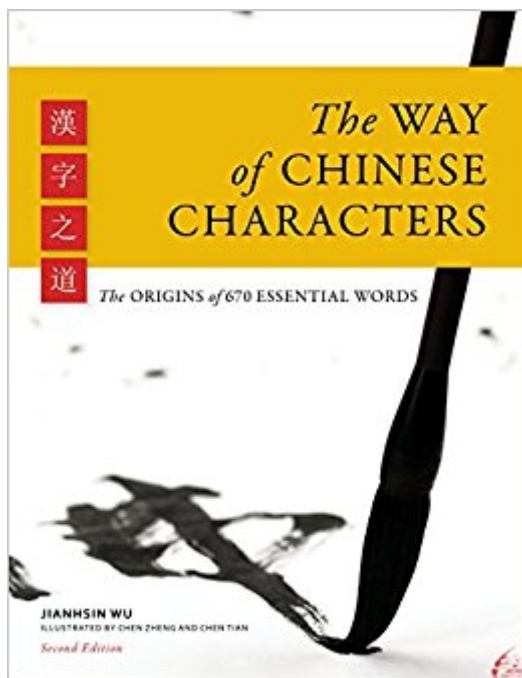


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# The Way Of Chinese Characters, 2nd Edition



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*The Way of Chinese Characters* is by far the best context-learning teaching supplement on the market. Its simplicity is brilliant; its accuracy is scholarly without overwhelming the novice. The pedagogical principles espoused in the Preface are right on. --Scott A. Carpenter, PhD, Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, FL

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