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The Chinese *I Ching*, or *Book of Changes*, is one of the oldest and strangest of all books, a masterpiece of world literature, a divination manual, and a magnet for the deranged and the obsessive. In *Sixty-Four Chance Pieces*, novelist and philosopher Will Buckingham puts the *I Ching* to work, using it to weave together 64 stories of chance and change, each flowing from one of the *I Ching*'s 64 hexagrams. Moving between myth, fable, and travel writing, the collection offers an attempt to make sense of the maddening, changeable book that is the *I Ching*, with tales of inventors and fox-spirits, ancient poets and nonexistent rulers, kleptomaniac pensioners and infernal bureaucrats. Like the *I Ching* itself, this new *Book of Changes* is a puzzle, a conundrum, and a journey of many transformations, where nothing is quite what it seems.

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