



Initial Instructions: A Translation Celebrating the Book of Genesis in Lipogram (Paperback)

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Ben Yehuda Press, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. What would Genesis be without the letter E? Initial Instructions is a fresh rendering of the Bible s beginning with an unusual twist: It uses only 25 letters of the English alphabet. Initial Instructions strikes words like the, beginning, created, heavens, and earth from its lexicon. Instead, Rabbi Joseph Prouser finds original ways to render ancient meanings, revealing The Book of Genesis in a new way. Why undertake this exercise? For Rabbi Prouser, a lipogram -- a text that avoids a particular letter -- offers the virtues of discipline and restraint. Clichés must be interpreted, he explains in his introduction. That which one would ordinarily express in a manner dictated by habit becomes a fresh, carefully crafted statement reflecting heightened consciousness. God s initial act in His constantly unfolding work of cosmogony was formation of our world and its sky. All was, at that point, without form, and chaotic. It was profoundly dark, with God s Spirit floating in a cosmic limbo. God said: Now for light! And it was light!! God saw how good His light was, distinguishing light..



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