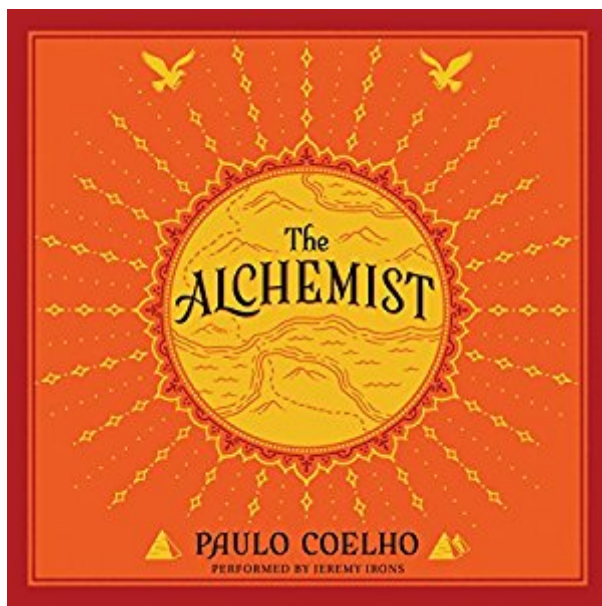


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The Alchemist: A Fable About Following Your Dream



Synopsis

Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world, and this tenth anniversary edition, with a new introduction from the author, will only increase that following. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and inspiring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles along the way. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasures found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

The Alchemist is a gripping narrative about a young Andalusian shepherd named Santiago and his journey to find the greatest treasure in the world. This charming story follows Santiago on his journey to Egypt, after having a recurring dream of finding treasure there. Santiago travels across great distances and encounters crazy adventures in his quest for gold. Little does he know that the ultimate treasure is actually found deep within. This dream was so prophetic that Santiago genuinely believed this was his ultimate goal in life. After deciding to travel to a Romani fortune-teller in a

nearby town to discover its meaning, a gypsy woman tells him that there is a treasure in the Pyramids in Egypt. Towards the beginning of his journey, Santiago meets an old king, named Melchizedek, who advises him to sell his sheep in order to travel to Egypt. He also introduces the idea of a Personal Legend, stating that your Personal Legend, "is what you have always wanted to accomplish. Everyone, when they are young, knows what their Personal Legend is. The Alchemist Physical Cover Along the journey, Santiago meets an Englishman who is in search of an Alchemist and together they continue their search for treasure. As they travel through the Sahara desert, Santiago meets and falls in love with a beautiful Arabian woman named Fatima. After a brief period of time, Santiago asks Fatima to marry him, but she tells him that she will only marry him after he finds his treasures. Perplexed by this, Santiago later learns that true love will not stop one's Personal Legend, and if it does, it is not true love. Eventually Santiago meets a lone alchemist who teaches him about Personal Legends. He shares his wisdom that people want to find only the treasure of their Personal Legends but not the Personal Legend itself. The alchemist states, "Those who don't understand their Personal Legends will fail to comprehend their teachings. If you are looking for a book that will inspire courage, this is the one. No matter what your dream, goals or visions are, the universe will conspire to help you achieve the things you want, regardless of how insurmountable the task seems. You must live the life you truly desire to its fullest extent if you want to look back on a life having worth lived. The essential message is that treasure is more worthy than gold. Read more here: [...]

I purchased and began reading this book 2 years ago and, for whatever reason, I couldn't get into it. I found it incredibly dull and tedious and finally gave up halfway through. A few weeks ago I took my mother to a dental appointment and opened my Kindle to see what I had available while I waited. I decided to give this book another try and started from the beginning, as I couldn't remember anything from what I read previously. I'm not sure what was different this time around, but I was completely engrossed and my 2 hour wait flew by! I continued to read whenever I found a chance and finished it within a few days. I now find myself constantly thinking of the story and relating it to my own life, as well as my friends and family. It's a short and very simple story, but definitely worth reading!

A classic read for the past 25 years, this account of a Santiago, a shepherd boy, who sets out on a journey to find answers to his questions about life, has inspired many readers. His quest is aided by

a Gypsy woman, a King, and an Alchemist who provided both wisdom and assistance in his search for treasure and meaning. This fable/parable/myth follows a traditional trajectory that emphasizes the importance of learning to see the world as it really is, living in the moment, and pursuing one's dreams, despite the obstacles one encounters.

I love this liie book. It is a short, easy read brimming with life lessons. The main character of this book can easily be replaced by any one of us and his life circumstances switched with ours and the lesson is still the same. We all have treasure waiting for us but along the way there are snags and hold-ups but are all perfectly necessary for our journey. I shared this book with my college aged nephew. I intend to give him a new copy every five years so he can see how much more he will understand about life as he grows older.

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