

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho



“The Alchemist” By Paulo Coelho is about a Shepard named Santiago who lives a basic life in the Spanish town of Tarifa. Santiago spends his days birthing sheep’s and then selling them; However, his perspective on life changes when a king offers him directions to a treasure. Although, to successfully find the treasure, he must leave everything behind. Santiago is hesitant at first; However, he listens to the “sounds of the world” and the “sayings of his heart” and finally pursues it. On his adventure, Santiago learns about the signs of life, and the truth of the world. In my opinion, this book is a solid five Star. I have never read a book that spoke to me in various ways. This book will not only teach you the words of the world, but it will teach you about the steps to a successful life.

I decided to read this book because my mother recommended the author to me. I heard that he is a unique writer and his books always have meaning. Additionally, I have responded to the language of the book the most. It is not written like any regular book; It is written in perspectives of the sun, moon, wind, etc. Also, the setting has a big impact because the main character eventually ends up in the Sahara Desert which has crucial weather conditions. Significantly, I was surprised to like this book because I am not usually interested in story books.

I can relate to the main character of the book. The main character holds a very basic life and is constantly looking for more. I feel as though everyone is searching for *a rush* or an adventure. Similarly, the main character is too, even if he was hesitant at first. Additionally, the main character goes through hardships that makes him want to give up; However, he finds a way and tries again. To compare, I have gone through hardships that have only shaped me in the end. I truly believe this book is the best book I have read all year. This book has taught me the necessity

of downfalls, and the beauty of hardship. I have never read a book so profoundly written. It felt as if the author was speaking directly to. This is a book you will never forget.

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