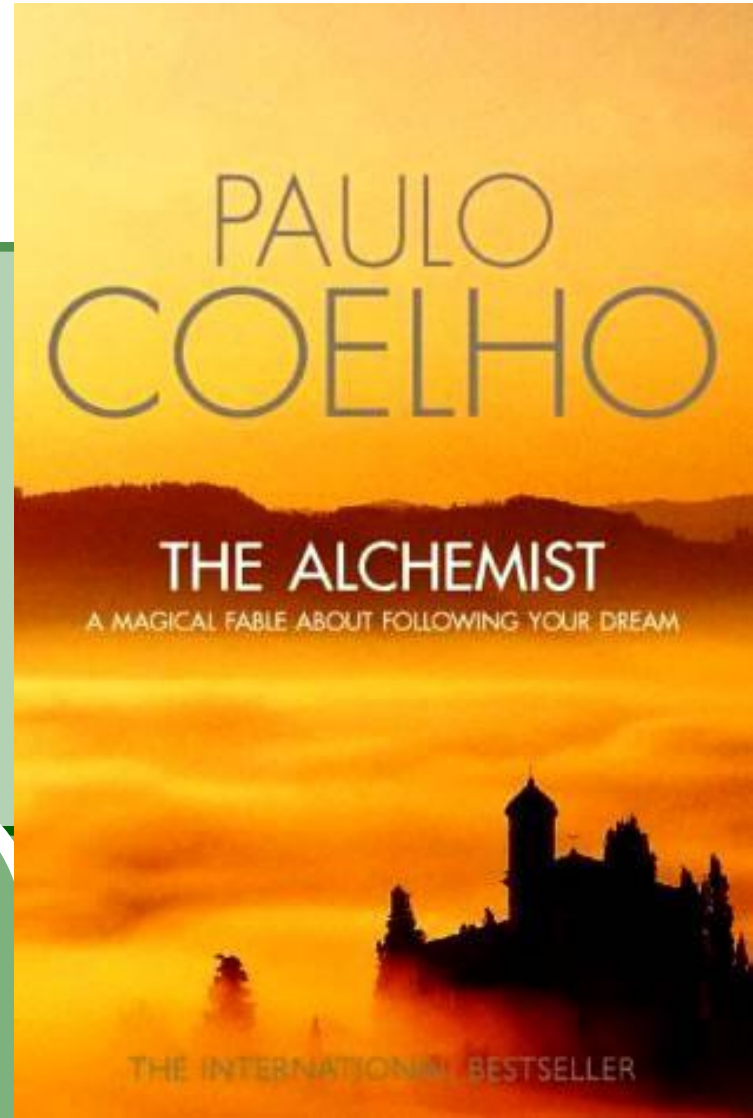


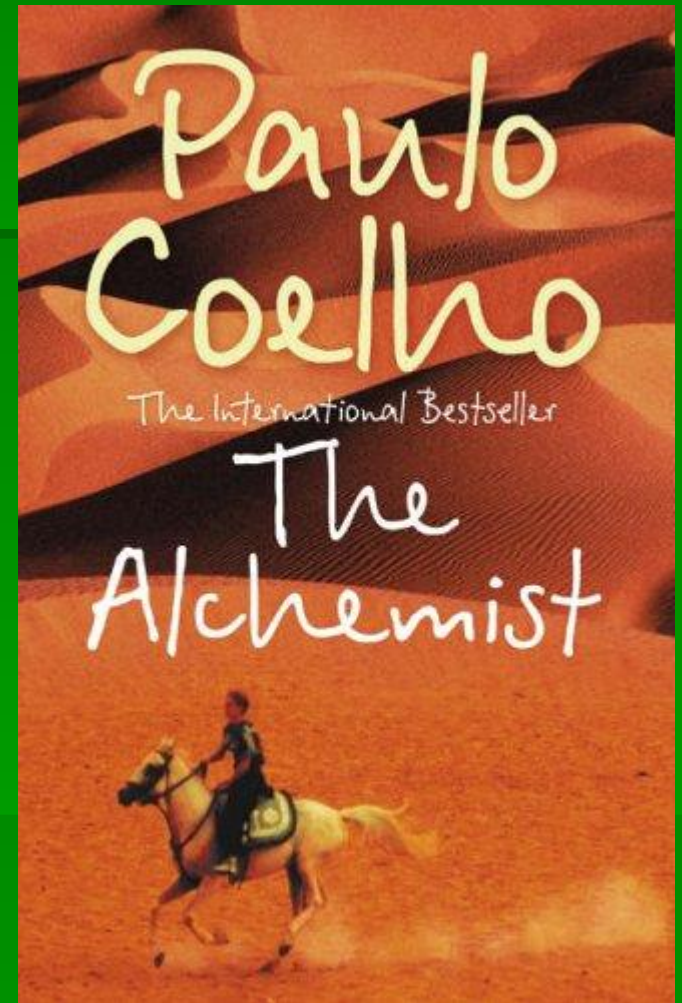
The Alchemist
(novel)





The Alchemist is a novel by Paulo Coelho first published in 1988. It has sold more than 65 million copies in more than 150 countries, becoming one of the best-selling books in history.

The main character is shepherd boy named Santiago from Andalusian. Santiago decides to travel to the pyramids of Egypt to find treasure. On the way, he encounters love, danger, opportunity, disaster and learns a lot about himself and the ways of the world.



One of the significant characters that he meets is an old king named Melchizedek, who tells him about discovering his personal legend: "When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it." This is the core philosophy and motto of the book.





During his travels, he
meets a beautiful
Arabian woman named
Fatima, who explains to
him that if he follows his
heart, he will find what it
is he seeks.

Then Santiago meets alone alchemist, who says that people only want to find the treasure of their personal legends, but not the personal legend itself. It also states that treasure is more precious than gold...

