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Editorial Review

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Brazilian novelist Coelho's 1988 myth-laden story of the shepherd who follows his "Personal Legend" in spite of assorted travails is rendered into a richly colored and faithful sequential-art version. With Santiago, we see the glories, the mysteries, and the threats along his way from the Andalusian pasture to foreign cities to Egypt; experience his devotion to reading and his attraction to mysterious women; and watch as he reads omens with the help of magical stones and other artifacts given to him by the various wise men he meets. Although the landscapes, city crowds, and animals are gorgeously rendered, the faces can be jarring—even in his youth, Santiago (and everyone else) has dark lines awkwardly scattered on his cheeks and forehead in lieu of expressive changes. Because facial close-ups are essential to our seeing Santiago and to what Santiago sees, this is disconcerting, but otherwise, this adaptation provides a long-popular novel an interesting new life. --Francisca Goldsmith

Review

"The Alchemist: A Graphic Novel reinterprets Paulo Coelho's international best-seller with dramatic illustrations, offering readers a fresh take on the magical tale of a shepherd's journey." (O, the Oprah Magazine)

"The bright, vivid, sometimes even sexy (is that weird to say?) illustrations bring new life to the classic story and remind us why it's one of the best-selling books of all time." (marieclaire.com)

"A beautifully done story with gorgeous illustrations. What's truly important about the story comes shining through in the dialogue as well as the images; the most important thing is to strive to accomplish your dreams. A beautiful story, well worth the time to read." (There's a Book)

"The look is glossy and warm, with handsomely chiseled heroes and buxom women. Coelho himself was the model for the King of Salem, one of the characters who helps guide the shepherd boy." (Los Angeles Times)

"This modern classic, a celebrity...translates perfectly to the graphic-novel genre, enlivening the story of Santiago's search for treasure from Spain to Tangier and across the Egyptian desert." (USA Today)

From the Back Cover

Andalusian shepherd boy Santiago 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 treasure found within.

Since its first printing *The Alchemist* has been translated into seventy-one languages and sold forty million copies worldwide, establishing itself as a modern classic that will enchant and inspire readers for generations to come. Beautifully rendered, *The Alchemist: A Graphic Novel* is a must have for any collector's library.

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