

## *The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho*

It was lazy Sunday morning, we just started community library at our gated community club and my daughter picked up this book and I just glanced at the wrapper of the book which triggered me to start reading the book.

“Every few decades a book is published that changes the lives of the readers forever. Paulo Coelho’s *The Alchemist* is such a book. With over 20 Million copies sold worldwide, and translated into 42 languages... Daily Express”

The *Alchemist* was so involving story that one can almost live the experience being told by the author through his natural story telling style. In fact one would almost imagine him/her in the place of the hero of the novel and go through the entire experience.

This story is about a shepherd boy ready to take on challenges in life to realize his dream. More than the joy of reaching his destiny, the experiences he goes through, the challenges of giving up at times when things go tough or giving up the dream while experiencing interim success in life.

A boy deciding to do some thing odd against his family’s wish and become a shepherd boy. He becomes shepherd boy as that was the only job which helped him to start exploring the world.

“It’s the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting.“! The boy dreams of finding treasure in the Egyptian pyramids. During those days (in the story ) the only way to reach Egypt is by crossing the desert. Being Spanish he never knew the Arabic language or how to cross the deserts nor did he have money to do it. The only thing he had was the will to realize his dream.

The boy sells his sheep to reach Egypt, gets into crystal ware shop as helping hand and takes risk with new marketing strategies garnering money to cross desert to reach pyramids, his experiences in the desert... soul searching, listening to his good omens... ‘ *The Alchemist* ‘ is sure to keep you on your toes.

The author talks to you through the old king who helps the hero in moving towards his destiny - “People never realize what they are capable of, at any time in their lives, of doing what they dreamt of and when you want some thing all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it”

It is wonderful pursuing our dream in our own way building our own path rather than a path which is built by some one else already.

It is a very inspirational book, a must read for those who want to follow ones own dreams !  
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