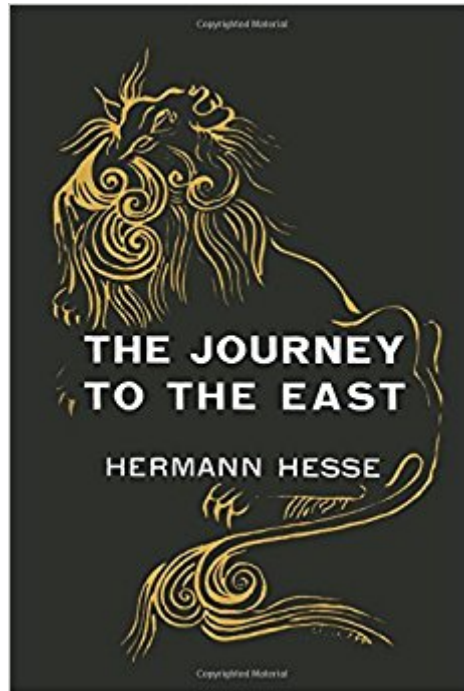




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# The Journey To The East



## Synopsis

2011 Reprint of 1957 English Translation. Full facsimile of the original edition, not reproduced with Optical Recognition Software. "Journey to the East" is written from the point of view of a man who becomes a member of "The League", a timeless religious sect whose members include famous fictional and real characters, such as Plato, Mozart, Pythagoras, Paul Klee, Don Quixote, Tristram Shandy, Baudelaire, and the ferryman Vasudeva, a character from one of Hesse's earlier works, Siddhartha. A branch of the group goes on a pilgrimage to "the East" in search of the "ultimate Truth". The conclusion of the short novel is a stroke of Hesse's typical Eastern mysticism at its finest. Hermann Hesse was born in Calw in the Black Forest on July 2, 1877, and from an early age was obsessed with the mystery of existence and humanity's place in the Universe. The Journey to the East is Hesse's tale of inner pilgrimage, an allegory on human desire for enlightenment and the long road that must be traveled to that ultimate goal. Using remarkably clear and accessible language, the book brings together the experience and conclusions of many years of spiritual struggle.

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I found a new author I thoroughly enjoy. Hope to find many more of Hermann Hesse's books in English. This book really surprised me. It's great

Not my favorite Hesse, but short enough that it doesn't feel like a waste of time reading.

This book had many messages that came through for me and yet I feel there are many more than I need to go back and reread it. It is recommended for anyone who wants to know more about living love and trusting in what is.

Herman Hesse's *The Journey to the East* is a metaphysical journey to realize the purpose of body and spirit. A pilgrim is first faithful then falters in supporting the League's mission. In recalling his departure from the trek, he finds his memory becoming as cloudy as a half-remembered dream. Or is he failing to recall those days as a rationalization of his guilt? Do we? Can we remain committed to any journey when we focus on ourselves rather than the journey's lessons?

This book deserves a wide audience; as reviewers have noted, it combines very impressive scholarship with an engaging style. The Jesuit mission in late Ming and early Qing China is an absorbing story, and Brockey has rendered the old narrative obsolete. Heroism, spirituality, historical drama, political intrigue--it's all here. Simply a lovely read.

An interesting chain of events that leaves one wondering where the truth of our selves can be found. I will take awhile for the full impact to be realized.

This is a small piece that reiterates some themes done elsewhere in his oeuvre. But it has an integrity and power of its own. It is both a testament to the spirituality of an era (early 20th C Europe) and a provocative version of a universal theme: the spiritual quest. It is a good story by a man who thought seriously enough about spirituality to be able to take timeless truths and enrich them with his own deep perception of human nature.

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