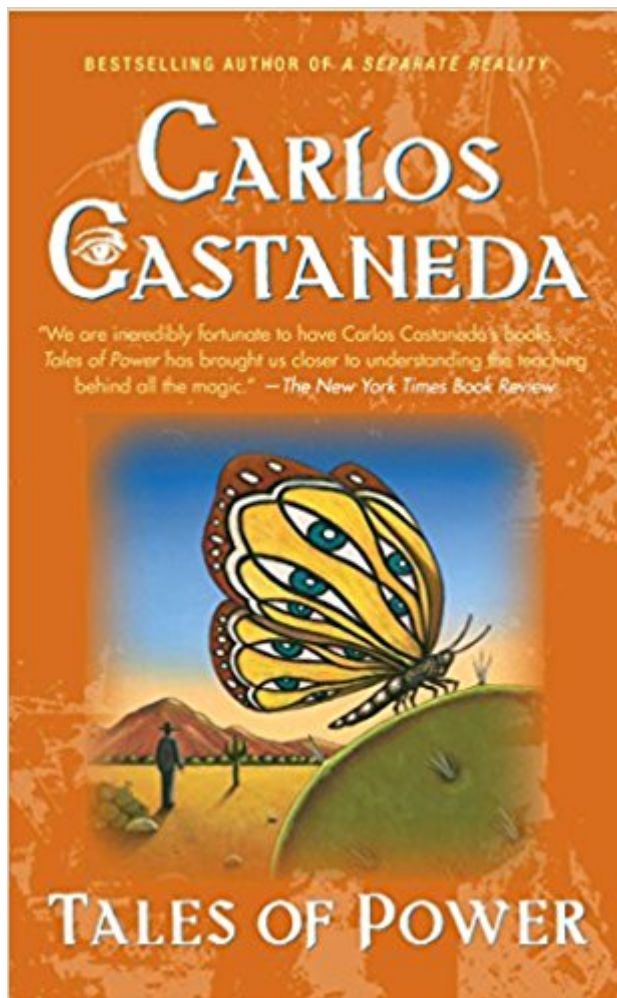


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Tales Of Power



Synopsis

Don Juan concludes the instruction of Castaneda with his most powerful and mysterious lesson in the sorcerer's art— a dazzling series of visions that are at once an initiation and a deeply moving farewell.

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Customer Reviews

Born in 1925 in Peru, anthropologist Carlos Castaneda wrote a total of 15 books, which sold 8 million copies worldwide and were published in 17 different languages. In his writing, Castaneda describes the teaching of Don Juan, a Yaqui sorcerer and shaman. His works helped define the 1960's and usher in the New Age movement. Even after his mysterious death in California in 1998, his books continue to inspire and influence his many devoted fans.

I first read several of the Castaneda books many years ago - so this is a re-reading; it remains one of the most gripping tales of what our lives, beyond the everyday might actually be. Of course there is no way to duplicate Carlos' experience just by reading his books, but, every here and there there is ring of -oh yeah - I can relate to that - one can feel a sensing beyond the normal from various activities -probably not the Toltec Second Attention - but transformational never the less. Carlos tells us that this is not fiction. I'm sure he's telling the truth. A fascinating adventure - but - you have to read them all to gather fully how Carlos went through it all. I don't think that picking up Tales of Power as the only book you read will make much sense. Also, the books should probably be read in

the order in which they were written as Carlos refers to events in earlier books and relates how his experiences have deepened with the passage of time and further instruction. Start with -The Teachings of don Juan, a Yaqui Way of Knowledge, the very first, published in 1968. Tales of Power is the fourth in the series, the eighth, The Power of Silence, published in 1987. A thirty year commemorative reissue of The Teachings of don Juan, was published in 1998. The series relates Carlos' almost thirty year path into the teachings of the ancient Toltecs of Mexico. You will not likely become a sorcerer, nor a Man of Knowledge, but you will share in the amazing experiences of one who has come very close, and who is still on his own unending Journey to Ixtlan (the third book).

Castaneda was a consummate story teller; and this book testifies to that. However, I feel he was always intentionally vague about many things, either because he did not want to reveal details to the reader; or because he was fabricating some of it. All that being said, however, it is still a good read, and if half of it is true, then he lived some awe inspiring sessions with Juan and Genaro.

I was spending a lot of time alone in the woods at night in the Rocky Mountains when I first read this book. I had bought all the Castaneda books at once and was reading them all the way through sequentially for the first time. I began to dream I was in the woods with Don Juan and Don Genaro performing shamanic rites nearly every day and I would have intense experiences in the woods by myself at night. Mastered the gait of power and had many adventures in the night that I wouldn't have had had I not read this book. A treasure for sure.

This book in a way signifies the death of a boy and birth of a man shown in the movie Emerald Forest when a south american tribe performs rituals to convert a grown teenager from a boy into a man. The best examples to illustrate are the lessons in:- Losing self-importance- Assuming responsibility- Using death as an adviser. Indeed, the transition into a man marks the end of the boy's myth of immortality and beginning of the man's action with impending death in mind. A great book for men and women struggling with growing up and acting impeccably as adults.

The spiritual philosophy discussed in this book are very similar to Mayan beliefs . Considering this book was published in the 1960's , the experiences explained are Years ahead of the New Age books that flood the Bookshelves today.

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On a relatives Christmas list. Pleased.

This man was a breakthrough shaman. We are lucky he shared his knowledge with us. Well written, fascinating and as good as his other books.

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