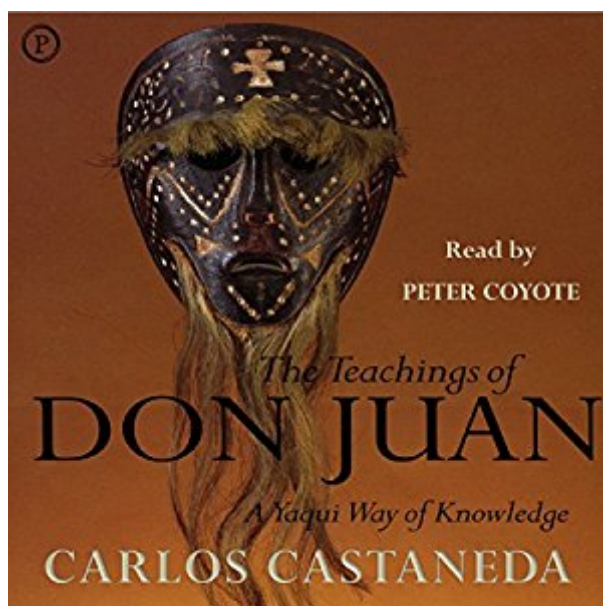


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# The Teachings Of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way Of Knowledge



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In 1968, with the publication of Carlos Castaneda's *The Teachings of Don Juan*, the spiritual search was revealed to be as incredibly exciting as any death-defying adventure which human beings may be drawn to undertake. As the years have passed, Dr. Castaneda has come to be seen as an anthropologist of the soul, showing us that the inner world has its own inaccessible mountains, forbidding deserts, and awesomely beautiful dangers which we are all called to confront. Listen and marvel as Coyote and Castaneda draw us into a breathtaking world of magical reality and ultimate truth.

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Really great talk if you like Carlos Castaneda and then shamanique stories I just love it

One of my favorite books. The quality is good for the price.

A classic of the 60s. I am enjoying to repeat reading. I recommend it.

perfect

I have been familiar with Dr. Castaneda's writings for 30 yrs. now. I wanted to share his books with my son. My son enjoyed reading it.

Fascinating anthropomorphic study. The book consists of various diary entrees of Carlos Casaneda encounters with an elderly Indian Yaqui Sorcerer who takes him under his wing and makes him an apprentice to ancient secret teachings that paradoxically contain primitive ideas and rituals with profound concepts. This to be "a man of knowledge." This book is truly a cultural-religious-spiritual study before the hippy, Leary, Pranskter movements. I think most would agree it is a profound study of both ordinary and non-ordinary realities. What makes this so interesting is the simplicity of a primitive culture that contains hidden variables of deep meanings which are beyond our modern superficial Western culture that brags of it's technology and materialisms. We may have the sciences to manipulate raw materials but we are seriously lacking. In this book, there are pre-agreements made directly and alluded to before experimentation using three separate hallucinatory plants; Jimpson Weed, Peyote and Mushrooms, each plant representing a very different perception of non-ordinary reality, from power and ally to helper. The ideas agreed on are done with the skill of Don Juan, where one expects a particular paradigm prior to ingestion, truly psychology at work. If such teachings were not given special prior consensus than interpretations would be entirely different. The whole process of teaching takes much time - years- and there are serious ritual preparations involved. The majority of the book contains diary entries, while the later is a structural analysis of the events. It is all written very well and surprising when reading the second portion how intense all the ideas really are. Now this book is the first of a series of 15 books that further these teachings. While to some the idea of speaking to a Mescalito to show one the right way, to turning into a crow or fighting off an enemy trying to take your soul may see absurd or insignificant superstition but the deeper implications of the mind here are assessed and there is a psychology that ventures in deeper plains than mere doctrinal formulations and surface meanings.

I read it 30 years ago. It made a fine gift.

An important book in the annals of non-traditional philosophy. Works well on the metaphysical level, and has many important things to say about self-discovery. Was required reading in my pop culture and interpersonal communication classes. These comments also apply to the other Castenada books. Highly recommended.

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