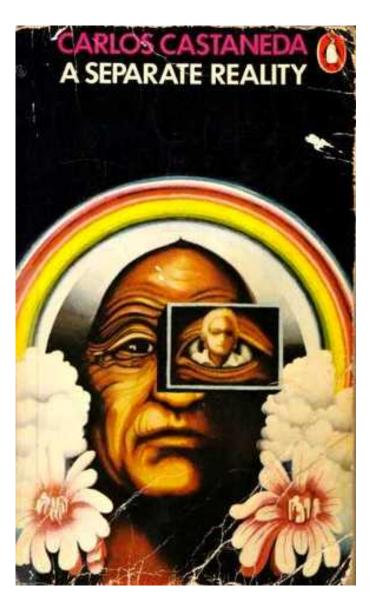
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Insightful reviews

Phoenix: Read the entire series of Castenda books in my early college years and they were really inspirational to me. The concept of alternate ways of thinking and separate realities were novel to me at the time. I have always meant to return to them. I like the mixture of a deeper hidden message and that of the light tale of the medicine man that runs through the pages.

Jillian: I have mixed feelings about this book. This was my first Castaneda so it's possible my experience would have been different if I had begun with his first book, The Teachings of Don Juan. What made this story challenging for me is my ambivalent feelings about Don Juan as a personality and as a guide. Carlos asks a series of reasonable questions to extremely disorienting answers from a man who displays conflicting emotions and is at times warm, wise, and caring just as easily as he is mocking, belittling and cryptic. I'm more interested in the other reality portion, and less interested in hallucinations or the experience of peyote. I probably will go on to read more Castaneda just to see if I can make any sense of what these books are trying to convey about the nature of the world. A man perceives the same leaf falling from a tree many times in a row--but what does this indicate about the world? These kinds of things are unclear to me.

Sternej: The second book in the Castaneda series is not quite as academic as the first one. In this respect the excitment and sureal adventures of the sorcerer and apprentice kick into high gear. This is the only book that explores the sorcerer's use of 'power plants' such as Peyote, Dartura (jimson weed) and Some kind of mushrooms that get smoked. The expierences that follow make for fantastic reading but are pretty scary; so scary that I think if this were published in the mid 60's maybe the halucenogenic drug craze might not have been as widespread. The sorcerer's use has nothing do do with getting high. Jinmson weed in particular is one of the most dangerous drugs out there and most of Castaneda's expierences under these drugs scare the hell out of him which on some level is what the Nagual Don Juan was intending. I'm finishing the series in order. I just finished book 6 "The Eagle's Gift". "A Separate Reality" has really wild, adventurous and exciting storytelling. So far it seems like the even numbered books in the series are brilliant and the odd mumbered ones are less so. loved this book.

Rob Poole: there's one other international simply past our succeed in and we merely have to search it to discover it. In the Sixties Carlos Castaneda made his method to Mexico to benefit extra approximately Yaqui Indians and to perform a little soul searching. What he chanced on was once a guy named don Juan, the most important sorcerer and a strength to be reckoned with. Don Juan turns Castaneda's complete global the wrong way up by way of instructing him the methods of a sorcerer and the implications are essentially the most appealing and touching items of nonfiction. In "A Separate Reality" Castaneda makes an attempt to provide an explanation for don Juan's teachings in regards to the artwork of 'seeing'. by using a hallucinogenic substance of don Juan's personal construction Castaneda reports visions that shake him to his very core. Don Juan additionally explains the significance of changing into a warrior. A warrior is anyone who's ever able to practice to the easiest in their skill by means of being conscious of each chance and utilizing it to their advantage. in response to don Juan it really is inherent that one develop into a warrior sooner than changing into a sorcerer. Often Castaneda unearths himself in over his head. He rushes into this new international with a childlike ask yourself that's clean and a interest that's commendable. However, his interest turns out insatiable. there is not any finish to his quest to appreciate the realm of don Juan's sorcery, and this leads him to query don Juan's teachings till they're imperceptible. each new event brings innumerable questions from Castaneda's mind and plenty of of them are unanswerable. Don Juan turns out to do his best possible to provide an explanation for and a few of his reasons are actually beautiful, yet from time to time it kind of feels like Castaneda is lacking the point. Throughout "A Separate Reality" i discovered myself wondering my very own perspectives of the world. Don Juan has a fashion of constructing you're thinking that two times approximately approximately every little thing you have come to simply accept and Castaneda describes his studies with a deftness the likes of which i've got not often seen. I take pleasure in Carlos Castaneda's work. His quiet prose and humble outlook ring precise in my heart. i believe for Carlos in each scenario that don Juan places him through. I comprehend his worry and confusion virtually inherently. there have been moments in "A Separate Reality" the place i discovered myself giggling out loud, Castaneda's studies with don Juan's good friend don Genaro are in particular hilarious. there have been moments the place i discovered myself gripped with fear, akin to Castaneda's first adventure with an 'ally.' Castaneda has a tremendous skill to pour his center directly to each page. My total influence of "A Separate Reality" has left me in need of more. The exciting global of don Juan has encouraged me. To

paraphrase don Juan, when you are brought to his global there's no turning again as you recognize there isn't any opposite direction to live.

Shea: I simply learn this e-book in a 24 hour period. Granted, I had a 3 hour automobile experience and many down time at work, plus discovered myself locked out of my residence right here in Bangkok for numerous hours -- so I had the time. however the aspect is, i could not placed it down. i have never loved analyzing this a lot in a protracted time. I want I had began with the 1st e-book during this series, yet i believe it will likely be greater than tremendous to learn it next. i like to recommend it while you are drawn to shamanism similar subjects, event stories, or if you end up in a peculiar overseas position and want an outstanding better half to aid settle in. heavily great. "We seek advice from ourselves ceaselessly approximately our world. in truth we hold our international with our inner talk. And each time we end speaking to ourselves approximately ourselves and our world, the realm is usually because it may still be. We renew it, we re-ignite it with life, we uphold it with our inner talk. not just that, yet we additionally decide on our paths as we check with ourselves. hence we repeat an identical offerings repeatedly till the day we die, simply because we carry on repeating an identical inner speak persistently until eventually the day we die. A warrior knows this and strives to forestall his inner talk."

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