

APPENDICES

Synopsis of Brida

This is the story of Brida, a young Irish girl, and her quest for knowledge. She has long been interested in various aspects of magic, but is searching for something more. Her search leads her to people of great wisdom, who begin to teach her about the world. Her teachers sense that Brida has a gift, but cannot tell what it is. In the story, Brida has great characteristics. She is a brave girl and never gives up seeking for her destiny. The author describes that Brida pursues her course even deeper into the mysteries of life in order to find answers to questions about who she is.

Later she meets a wise man named Magus, who dwells in a forest and teaches her how to overcome her fear and to trust the goodness of the world. Later, Brida meets a woman, Wicca, who teaches her how to dance to the music of the world and how to pray to the moon. She finally finds her destiny after struggling to find a balance between her relationship and her desire to become a witch.

Brida has a boyfriend named Lorens, who is always willing to help her through her struggles. Although Brida is not sure whether she will choose Lorens

to be her soulmate, Lorens does not feel disappointed with her because Lauren is kind person who wants the best things for Brida and he always makes a good decision and gives some inputs when Brida is down and feels frustrated with all the hardships that she is facing. In the end, Brida knows who she is and finally she becomes a witch.

Biography of the author

Paulo Coelho was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His own life has in many ways been as varied and unusual as the protagonists of his universally read novels. Like them, he has followed a dream in a quest for fulfillment. His own dream, to be a writer, met with frustration throughout much of his early adult life, a time in which he worked at various professions and some of them materially rewarding. He was 38 when he published his first book, Hell Archives in 1982. His masterpiece, The Alchemist has sold more than 11 million copies worldwide and has been translated into some 41 languages. In addition to The Pilgrimage (1987) and The Alchemist (1988), Paulo Coelho has written luminous novels about the different streams of our lives, including By The River Piedra I Sat Down & Wept (1994), The Valkyries (1992), The Fifth Mountain (1996), and Veronika Decides to Die (1998).

In 1970, after deciding that law school was not for him, he traveled through much of South America, North Africa, Mexico, and Europe. In 1980, he experienced one of the defining moments of his life: he walked the 500-plus mile Road of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. In 1999, he received a Crystal Award for Artistic Achievement at the Davos Economic Forum Conference. He now lives in Rio de Janeiro.

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