

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF THE DEVIL AND MISS PRYM

Viscos is a small village where people are friendly and religious. People in Viscos are worried that they are going to be the last generation of farmers in that mountain village. Sooner or later, machines and technologies will replace the farmers. The village itself perhaps will be sold to a multinational corporation and changed into a ski resort.

In that situation, a stranger comes into the village and offers eleven pieces of gold to a citizen of Viscos named Chantal. In order to possess this gold, Chantal or the people in the village must kill a person in the village. The stranger wants to prove whether human is basically good or evil.

The people in the village accept the offer. They decide to kill Berta, who is the oldest person in the village. When they are ready to kill Berta with their gun, they realize that they are making a mistake. Finally they decide not to kill Berta and reject the offer from the stranger.

The stranger finds the answer to his question that human beings are actually born to be good. So, he thanks Chantal for helping him find the answer. As a reward, he gives all the gold to Chantal. In the end, Chantal can leave the village and all of her dreams come true.

BIOGRAPHY

Paulo Coelho was born in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1947. Before he dedicated his life to literature, he worked as a theatre director and actor, lyricist and journalist. He very interested about spiritual quest.

Coelho writes each story in a beautiful language, poetic prose and symbolism. Most of his books tell about love, devotion, sacrifice and struggle to find the right path in life.

His first book, Hell Archives, failed to make any impact. However, he succeeds with his other works including Brida (1990), The Valkyries (1992), By the River of Piedra I Sat Down and Wept (1994), The Fifth Mountain (1996), Manual of a Warrior of Light (1997), Veronika Decides to Dies (1998), The Devil and Miss Prym (2000), The Complication of Traditional Tales in Stories for Parents, Children and Grand Children (2001), Eleven Minutes (2003), The Zahir (2005).

Up to now, Coelho has sold a total of 75 million copies and in 2003, his book Eleven Minutes was considered the best-seller according to the Magazine Publishing Trend. Coelho other work, The Alchemist is one of the most important literary phenomena of 20th century.

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