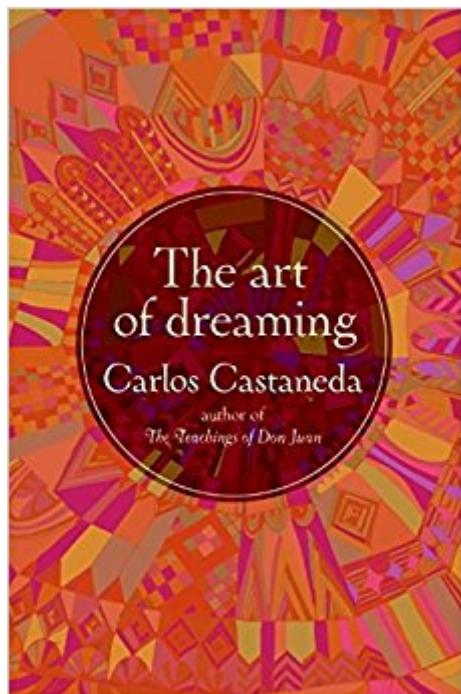


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Synopsis

Bestselling author Carlos Castaneda introduces readers to the worlds that exist within their dreams.

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Customer Reviews

In bestsellers like *A Separate Reality* and *Journey to Ixtlan*, Castaneda recounted his purported adventures with Mexican Yaqui Indian sorcerer don Juan Matus. Here he tells how, under don Juan's tutelage, he gained control over his dreams and used dreaming as a launching pad to a pervasive but unseen realm of ancestral spiritual forces, good and evil. He goes through tunnels, enters into the consciousness of trees, meets scouts, emissaries and form-changing blobs of energy. Aided by don Juan's companions and fellow apprentices, Castaneda penetrates a realm of "inorganic beings" who set traps for him and attack him, as if to illustrate don Juan's teaching that consciousness is compelled to grow through life-or-death confrontations. For believers, Castaneda's quest offers a tantalizing glimpse of alternate worlds beyond the rational parameters of our mundane reality. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The eighth--and one hopes the last--book about Castaneda's apprenticeship with the Yaqui Indian sorcerer Don Juan Matus. By now, Castaneda's bestselling engine is running on empty, at least to judge by this lackluster entry, which adds fuel to the argument that the Don Juan books are fiction and that their author has passed his creative prime. Gone is the vivid sense of wonder as Don Juan

escorts Castaneda into a new world of mystery and magic; gone the crisp presentation of esoteric ideas; gone the crackling tension between teacher and student. What remains is a token representation of Don Juan, guffawing at Castaneda or smacking him on the back, and a cloud of confused teachings about the world of dreams. Taking control of one's dreams, says Don Juan, is the key to a sorcerer's power. But what kind of sorcerer? Don Juan makes a distinction between the ancients, who manipulated the world for personal power, and moderns--such as himself--who ``search for freedom.'' Castaneda must thread his way between these two opposing camps, balancing his thirst for truth and his personal ambition. In so doing, he passes through three ``gates of dreaming'': becoming aware of falling asleep; waking from one dream into another; seeing yourself asleep. Castaneda barges through these portals in his typically bumbling fashion, all the while communicating with--and being used by--``inorganic beings'' that look like thin tree trunks and give the sorcerers their secret knowledge. His journey ends with a perilous confrontation with a ``death defier,'' a Methuselah-like male sorcerer in the guise of a woman. Castaneda is rescued from this and other dangerous encounters by his fellow apprentice, the beautiful Carol Tiggs, who at book's close vanishes into the world of dreaming. Will Castaneda rescue her in the next volume, playing Orpheus to her Eurydice? Tune in, if you care. The Art of Dozing is more like it. -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great book! Wild stuff in here. Whether or not you are interested in spirituality/mysticism, this is a great resource for lucid dreamers and a hell of a story.

incredible book! It really shaped the way i view the dreaming process. It is a great book for anyone interested in learning more about becoming one with their dreams.

Big fan of the Castaneda series, great book to read if you wish to open your mind to new ideas.

All the reviews, from 1 star to 5, have merit. I'll give it 4 stars for originality and creativity. I happened on this just when I thought I'd read everything the "new age" had to offer. It is my first Castaneda book. Its very original content and form went from verging on the profound to being rather contrived and tedious. I think it ultimately is an amazingly mind opening work, whether fiction or not... possibly true, possibly the work of a lunatic. For me personally, it did not offer a lot of spiritual value but it did make me think - like any good science fiction.

All the dream teachings in one volume. Powerful.

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I love all of Castaneda's books. This one is particularly special

The Art of Dreaming describes the steps needed to master control and consciousness of our dreams. In this book Castaneda describes extensively how our state of awareness can be achieved by means of dreaming. I have read most of Carlos Castaneda's books and I found this one to be one of his best. A must read for any of Castaneda's fans.

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