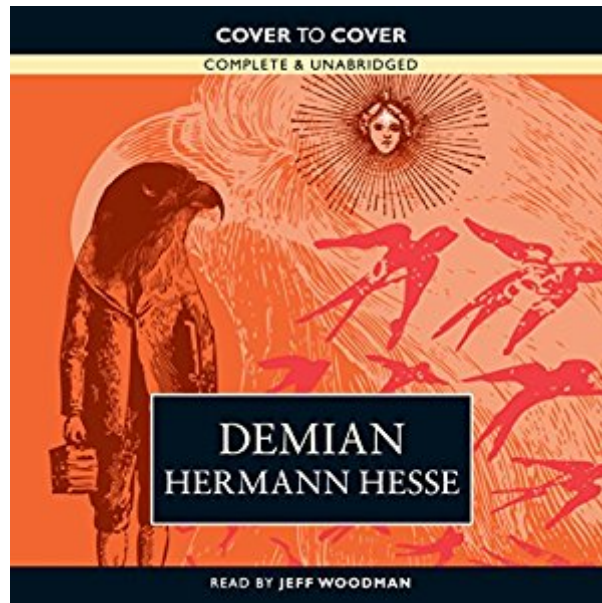




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Demian: The Story Of Emil Sinclair's Youth



Synopsis

"All I really wanted was to try and live the life that was spontaneously welling up within me. Why was that so very difficult?" Generations of readers have recognized the impassioned cry that introduces the young narrator of *Demian*, and embraced this tale of a troubled young man's struggle toward self-awareness. Initially published in Berlin in 1919, the novel met with instant critical acclaim, as well as great popular success among people seeking answers amid the devastating aftermath of World War I. A brilliant psychological portrait of an individual's departure from social conventions in the search for spiritual fulfillment, *Demian* encompasses many of the themes associated with Hermann Hesse, its Noble Prize-winning author, particularly the duality of human nature and the quest for inner peace. Considered an important work in the evolution of 20th-century European literature, this perceptive coming-of-age novel enjoys a particular resonance with young adults, a fact that has made *Demian* a perennial favorite in schools and colleges all over the world. This inexpensive edition, featuring an excellent new English translation, is sure to be welcomed by teachers and students, and by the legions of confirmed Hesse fans. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

thanks BTS for quoting this great book!!! everyone should read it, it will change your perspective on a lot of things. very well written :3

There are so many parts I could relate to and so many parts I could learn from. Thank you to BTS and Rap Monster for letting me discover this book! #ArmysEverywhere

BTS got me here and boy am I excited. Read a bit today when I got it and it was already amazing. Got here very fast too. Thanks!

Rating this bildungsroman was challenging, but I settled on 4-stars as it is a tour de force of whimsical edgy (and disturbing?) bildungsroman that is far more "out there" than JD Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*. It's in a different league. By "out there," I mean there is a lot of symbolism or suggestion about mental stability/health in this book that may annoy some readers because it gets a little too clever for its own good sometimes--especially the whole internal psychology part, which is the who-is-he-really? question. It's interesting, though it's extremely heavy-handed, in my opinion. Another reader may very much prefer the heavy-handed psychological approach in this genre, and that is important for why this book is at least worthy of 4 stars. If you like psychological thrillers of the internal mind in a bildungsroman that pre-dates the psychological thriller genre, then this book is recommended. Two of the many intriguing lines (and among the best sections) in the book are on pages 72 and 84. I am still not sure what is happening in parts of the story, but it makes the reader think, and that is perhaps what Hesse intended.

This has become my new favorite book. It is one of the most relatable things I have ever read and had me saying "same" on every page. It perfectly captures the struggle of growing up and finding yourself. It is beautiful and inspiring. For those wondering why so many of the reviews mention "BTS," it is because they are a group who released music videos/songs inspired by *Demian*, which influenced many of the fans to read the book. I'm so happy to have read it. It is such a wonderful journey.

Published in 1919, it tells the coming-of-age story of a middle class boy and his struggle between a "world of light" and a "world of illusion". This was my first Hermann Hesse book, and I've added several more to my reading list. Good stuff.

Hesse has a way of reaching inside you, pulling stuff out, showing to you, and all the while you never had a clue it was there in the first place. Like *Steppenwolf*, this is a great journey into the inner psyche of humanity. Suck it up...it ain't always pretty.

This book is one of my all time favourites. It is NEVER predictable, and is a bit dark. The characters

are so complex and amazing and the story is very interesting. This novel definitely turned my into a Hermann Hesse fan!

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