

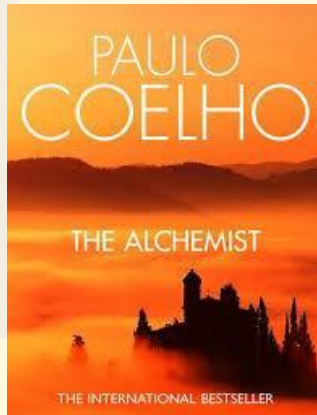
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A young boy with short dark hair is standing in a room, holding a large, multi-colored ball (yellow, orange, red, pink, blue, green) with both hands. He is wearing a white sleeveless shirt with a graphic design and dark shorts. In the background, there is a wooden shelving unit and another person standing. In the foreground, a guitar is resting on a table.

As irons sharpen iron, a man is sharpened by another man—Proverbs 27:17. This quote from the greatest book ever written, the bible, captures the spirit of our book discussions. So last month we spoke about the amazing work we are doing with the children's reading clubs and several adults queried whether we were only a children's library. We have an ebullient adult's book discussion club, where we read a book and meet every fortnight to dissect it and milk all the wisdom we can from it. The books we discuss range from fictional works like Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie's *Half of a Yellow Sun*, or insightful books like, The power of Habit: why we do what we do in business and life. Most recently we discussed The Alchemist which is a fantastic book reviewed in this edition. To those who want to join us, just get in touch and we will avail to you the list, up next on our menu is Things a little bird told me by Biz Stone, a book from TWITTER founder, then Grinding it out: the making of McDonald's, the compelling book behind the mega successful fast food enterprise.

Book Review: *The Alchemist*

It is an amazing book full of optimism that tells you that everything is possible as long as you really want it to happen. It's the tale of Santiago, a shepherd boy who has a dream and the courage to follow it. After listening to "the signs" or "omens" the boy ventures in his personal, journey of exploration and self-discovery, symbolically searching for a hidden treasure located near the pyramids in Egypt. In his journey, Santiago sees the greatness of the world, and meets all kinds of exciting people like kings and alchemists. However, by the end of the novel, he discovers that "treasure lies where your heart belongs."



When the Old King appears to Santiago he says "when you really want something to happen, the whole universe conspires so that your wish comes true". This is the core of the novel's philosophy. "The Alchemist" is a novel that can appeal to everybody, because we can all identify with Santiago: all of us have dreams, and are dying for somebody to tell us that they may come true. The novel skillfully combines words of wisdom, philosophy, and simplicity of meaning and language, which makes it particularly readable and accounts for its bestselling status

Teen Boot Camp

Dates: 4-6 April 2016

Venue: Mavuradonha lodges

Cost: \$50 per person

If you are looking for a journey out of your comfort zone both intellectually and physically and get rejuvenated and set on an unlimited growth trajectory....this is the camp to be!

This camp's entire focus is to assist the teenagers (13-19years) in accomplishing their growth and learning goals as well as unleashing their inner potential. We are committed to opening them to a new way of thinking and realization that they can be whoever they want to be and in the same vein make meaningful contributions in their different communities. The camp will focus on experiential learning, outdoor games, book reading and discussions and competitions.

February Highlights



Our reader of the month is Sean Muchini (right) in Grade 6 who read 9 books this month. Well done!



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Thank You!