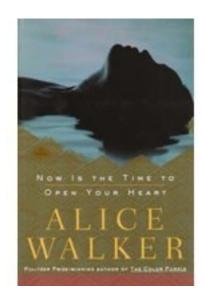
## Now is the Time to Open Your Heart



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'A modern take on the Odyssey in which it is Penelope who wanders far from home before returning to her Odysseus' Sunday Telegraph Kate has always been a wanderer. A well-published author, married several times, she has lived a life full of exploration. Now, as she begins to feel the first ravages of age, she wants to find a new sense of meaning. She leaves her lover Yolo on a journey down the Colorado river - a journey that will force her to re-explore her past and her future, and her connection to the real world. On her travels she meets shamans and the mysterious spiritual world of the native Indian. Yolo too begins his own journey as he travels to Hawaii and meets a former lover whose life is being destroyed by the excesses of American society. As Kate and Yolo gain shifting insights into the world around them, will their paths diverge or lead back to each other? This is a novel very much in tune with the zeitgeist - Alice Walker argues that we need to look inwards and develop a more open attitude in order to combat the pervasive climate of fear and distrust.

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## 评论

原以为只是本通俗的女性小说,阅读的过程太美妙。充斥着环保,生态,素食,巫术,佛教,以及独特的妇女主义。源于亚马逊土著与神灵交流的仪式上咏诵的萨满之歌。处女般的生活其实是一种女性心理暗示,代表步入中年的女人对逝去的青春的留恋以及对未来的一种极端意义上的设想,是开始一种全新的,纯粹精神的生活渴望。女主开始了奇妙的旅程,亚马逊热带雨林超验的精神之旅。在亚马逊巫医的引领下,在印第安土著民与神灵交流的典仪中,在神奇的祖母仙草所带来的身体的清爽和精神的喜悦与升华中,她的观察力,理解力变得越来越敏锐,她与自然之母精神上的融合使她能够聆听到树木的呼吸,鸟儿的啁啾和野兽的低语。爱默生式的超验体验使她实现了与祖母神灵的倾心沟通。这奇妙的体验使她发现了雨林深处的静谧和神圣,以及在这样的环境中人与人之间关系的和谐。

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