

power others have over us is power we give them, Clarion sets out in search of his father. He first encounters Samara, a woman who rescues him in a repetition of the story of the Good Samaritan. She teaches him that everything is possible if one loves and learns to communicate. She then passes him on to Jing, a Taoist from whom he learns to go with the flow of nature. In turn, Jing commends him to Baba, a Hindu master who gives him the lessons of self-abnegation and contemplation of the infinite. When Clarion is finally ready, Baba points him toward his father. Clarion discovers his deadbeat dad living as a kind of Buddhist monk. From this less than praiseworthy parent, Clarion learns to live in the ``now." The family is reunited without any hard feelings. The ultimate answer, he is told, is found in relationships with others. At once pretentious and simpleminded, the book was inspired by A Course in Miracles. Only the most naïve seekers and devotees will be attracted to what is essentially a proselytizing tract in the guise of fiction. -- Copyright ©1994, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From the Publisher Perennial wisdom from a fresh young voice! For readers of The Alchemist and other inspirational fables--this story of a young seeker named Clarion warmly communicates the unifying themes of the world's great religious traditions.

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