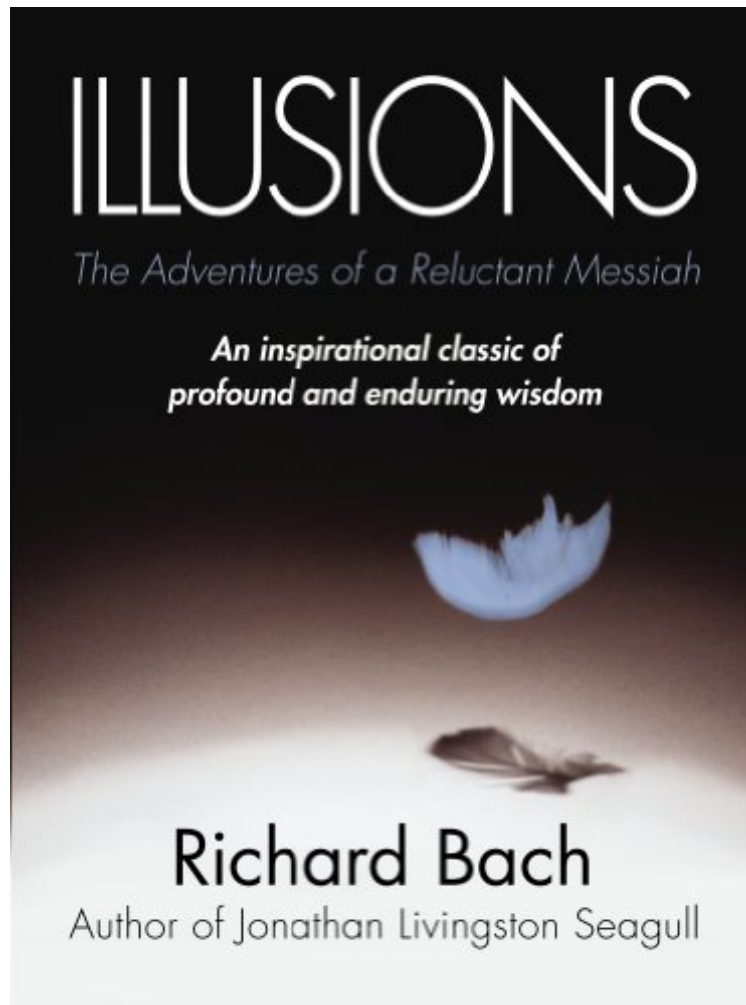


## Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah

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**Von Richard Bach : Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of "those" books that stay with you alwaysVon Terry MathewsAlthough this book was published in 1977, it didn't find its way to me until the mid 80's. "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear." No truer words were ever spoken, at least not in my life.I've read this book over 30 times in the last 15 years, and I never fail to find something new to learn from it. I've given countless copies away to friends who then give copies to their friends.When "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" was first published, an elderly relative told me Bach was the devil incarnate. Imagine what she'd say about THIS one!I've not had the good fortune to run across a Donald Shimoda-like character, but I think I'd be ready to hear what he said.Two quotes from Shimoda's 'The Messiah's Handbook and Reminders for the Advanced Soul' are worth

repeating: Your friends will know you better in the first minute you meet them than your acquaintances will know you in a thousand years. and The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.... Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof. This book has been a great gift to me and I'm thankful it found me! Enjoy!

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Flight of the Soul Von Truth is Out There The author of this wonderful story has mastered the teaching methods of old. Throughout time, man has shared stories, myths and parables in an effort to convey a message to others. 'Illusions' does just that, and even takes things one step further, by allowing (no... encouraging) the reader to interact with the story. The author has placed himself in the parable itself, in a position that would be simple for the reader to assume. Often pondering the endless possibilities and powers of the mind and soul, the inspiration received from this reading is a welcome boost to those walking along the spiritual path. The simplicity of this title is overwhelming, yet crucially left to your own interpretation. One man, one Messiah, some old planes, a grass field and a captive audience are all the ingredients used to cook up this instant classic. To those about to embark on this flight, the truths embedded within these mere 191 pages promise a delightful adventure; a journey that one wants to take, again and again.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This novel is a true handbook to an advanced soul! Von Ein Kunde Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah is a book I could easily read ten times through and still have more to understand and learn from. The book can be interpreted in infinite ways. But one aspect is for sure, Donald Shimoda is a reluctant messiah. He possesses divine knowledge and power, which unfortunately for his character, people have come to recognize. They flock to him for advice they don't believe they are capable of giving themselves. Shimoda does not, and perhaps cannot, desire to be a glorious messiah. His solution: simply pass his job to another . . . Richard Bach. What he chooses could easily be viewed as the most cowardly decision, but seems to lead him to happiness, as quoted from the novel, ". . . he went his way through the crowds and left them, and he returned to the everyday world of men and machines." Illusions is an excellent book, laced with advice and wisdom. Advice including, "You teach best what you most need to learn." and "Argue with your limitations and sure enough they're yours.", both which stem from a handbook, given to messiahs to cultivate an advanced soul. This novel is truly a handbook not only to the messiah, but to all who read it. Although at times, Illusions was difficult for me to fully grasp, it opens up a new world of ideas to me; the tip of the iceberg, so to speak. The writing itself, though not complicated, I sometimes was forced to read over in order to understand. However, Mr. Bach does connect the reader with the characters and incorporates enough emotion so that they become real, and thus the characters are more easy to relate to. I recommend Illusions to anyone from the casual reader searching for a good read to someone searching for a new outlook on life.

**Kurzbeschreibung** In the cloud-washed airspace between the cornfields of Illinois and blue infinity, a man puts his faith in the propeller of his biplane. For disillusioned writer and itinerant barnstormer Richard Bach, belief is as real as a full tank of gas and sparks firing in the cylinders ... until he meets Donald Shimoda - former mechanic and self-described messiah who can make wrenches fly and Richard's imagination soar... In Illusions, the unforgettable follow-up to his phenomenal New York Times bestseller Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Richard Bach takes to the air to discover the ageless truths that give our souls wings: that people don't need airplanes to soar ... that even the darkest clouds have meaning once we lift ourselves above them ... and that messiahs can be found in the unlikeliest places - like hay fields, one-traffic-light midwestern towns, and most of all, deep within ourselves.

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**Werbetext** An inspirational classic novella and mystical adventure story, from the author of the international New York Times bestseller Jonathan Livingston Seagull. Perfect for fans of Nevil Shute's Round the Bend.