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Subject: Re: Children's Reading List

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Karsten Rodenacker writes:

> That was the time of the books of Castaneda! Fairy tale  
> books today?

This is an interesting way of looking at those books, which has a great deal of merit, I think. I first read those books as a young man, and they were constantly on my mind as I rode my bicycle from Phoenix to Fort Collins, having many an adventure along the way. I'm sure I spoke to every Raven that crossed my path on that trip!

But several years ago now I pulled all the books off my shelf and read them again, start to finish, and they had a completely different effect, even more powerful. (This was in a stage of my life when I was transfixed with ideas of altered states of reality and shamanism. I thought I was going crazy because I couldn't stay out of the New Age section of the bookstore!) They certainly had the \*effect\* of Fairy Tales, explaining your life experiences, leading you on the dangerous journey of self-exploration, explaining the terrain in metaphorical terms.

Humm. I may have to read them again... That's the wonderful thing about getting old. You can go back to old, forgotten books and find them wonderfully fresh and insightful. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Seppure ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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