

“Knowledge can
be communicated,
but not wisdom.”

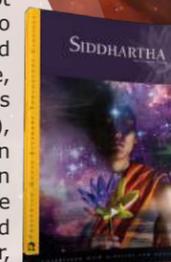
One can find it, live it, be fortified by it,
do wonders through it, but one cannot
communicate and teach it.”

-Hermann Hesse



Hermann Hesse

was born in Calw, Germany in 1877. He once described himself as a “good learner,” but “not a very manageable boy” in school, one who did not enjoy conventional education. He had aspired to be a poet since the age of twelve, but found his stride as a novelist instead. His first notable publication, *Peter Camenzind* (1904), encompassed the search for identity, a common theme in his work. Hesse deeply opposed Germany’s participation in World War I and expatriated to Switzerland in the 1920s; his work would later be banned and destroyed under Hitler’s regime. Beyond Germany, however, Hesse received critical acclaim for many of his novellas, including *Siddhartha* (1922), which recounted his travels in India. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946 and died of natural causes in 1962.



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