

Siddhartha Herman Hesse

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Dear Ka Stay Nann San,

Hello! How have you been these days? I hope you are doing amazing. I hope your family is doing good as well. We haven't been seeing each other lately due to this pandemic but I have just finished reading this such meaningful and amazing book and I would love to recommend you it.

The book name is Siddhartha and it is written by Hermann Hesse in 1921-22. The novel starts with Siddhartha Gautama who was later known as "The Buddha" during the 5th century. After six years, the Buddhists believe that the Buddha found enlightenment while meditating under a Bodhi tree. He later spent the rest of his life teaching others how to achieve this spiritual state. The person who was taught, abandons his comfortable life to wander all about this.

This is just a short summary about the book since I didn't want to spoil much. It is such an interesting and meaningful book and I'm sure you would enjoy reading it and getting some knowledge. I am not really a big fan of reading books which are concerning with religion but this book has completely changed that. As soon as I start reading it, I was hooked on. I'm sure you would be too.

Unfortunately, due to this pandemic, we cannot go out and buy or borrow this book but don't worry, I have found a link online where you can read this book as well as many other fascinating books on the internet. This would be a great way to get rid of your boredom. If you are interested in reading this book, let me know. I will send you the link.

Anyways, that's all I have to say to you at the moment. If I have more news or suggestion, I will surely write to you. I hope you and your family have a wonderful day. Stay safe! I am really looking forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,
May Thet

Dear Oak Soe Khant,

Hi, How are you doing? I'm writing to you to let you know about this book I read this month. It's a very refreshing teenage book and this genre will open doors to many books you would love and every teenagers along with you.

This is about a book named "The Big F" written by Maggie Ann martin. It's about this girl danielle failing this english class and her college application letter to ohio state was rejected and it's about a girl's teenage life and how she solve her problems with her mom, her dad, her boyfriend who was her old next door neighbour and how she learned her lessons to be more responsible. How she made incredible speeches and who's dad and brother is really supportive.

This book is really fun to read and I recommend you this book because it's a must that teenagers should read this book because it really helps a lot.

From,

Your

Dear peer,

Have you heard of this one book about Buddhism? Probably not because I didn't specify what I meant. It's called Siddhartha and it's about a man who simply wanted to be religious. In an attempt to do this, he got rid of all of his belongings, stopped eating, and just sat. By doing this, he got in contact with the one and only Buddha. So he taught Siddhartha about Buddha's philosophy, but the thing was, Siddhartha denied his statements. Siddhartha believed that the meaning of life cannot be taught and he went on to find the meaning of his life.

But then he meets Karmala, "the most beautiful woman he has yet seen", and decides to stop his life goals to become rich. And so he did, until he got sick of it and went to a magical river that speaks the language of existential crisis. And he listened to every single existential crisis the river had to say and gained enlightenment. He also realised that time is merely a myth and that true wisdom cannot be passed on. After that the story basically ends. The moral of the story is that life is confusing and only by letting it confuse you more will you find the true meaning in life, or at least that's what I learned.

From,
Your peer

Dear Peer,

Hello. How are you? For now, I would like to review a book to you. It's a book called "Siddhartha". It is a book about a young Brahman, Siddhartha find the search for self-realization. Realizing the contradictions between reality and what he has been taught, he abandons his comfortable life to wander. His goal is to find the serenity that will enable him to defeat fear and to experience with equanimity the contrasts of life, including joy and sorrow, life and death. Despairing of finding fulfillment, he goes to the river and there learns simply to listen. He discovers within himself a spirit of love and learns to accept human separateness. In the end, Siddhartha grasps the wholeness of life and achieves a state of bliss and highest wisdom. It's a very good book novel by Hermann Hesse. I am honored that I can review a bit of the book.

From your dearest friend

Book Review

Siddhartha, the handsome and respected son of a Brahmin, lives with his father in ancient India. Everyone in the village expects Siddhartha to be a successful Brahmin like his father. Siddhartha enjoys a near-idyllic existence with his best friend, Govinda, but he is secretly dissatisfied.

He performs all the rituals of religion, and he does what religion says should bring him happiness and peace. Nonetheless, he feels something is missing. His father and the other elders have still not achieved enlightenment, and he feels that staying with them will not settle the questions he has about the nature of his existence. Siddhartha believes his father has already passed on all the wisdom their community has to offer, but he longs for something more.

One day, a group of wandering ascetics called Samanas passes through town. They are starved and almost naked and have come to beg for food. They believe enlightenment can be reached through asceticism, a rejection of the body and physical desire. Siddhartha's father does not want him to join the Samanas, but he cannot dissuade Siddhartha. Govinda also wants to find a path to enlightenment, and he joins Siddhartha in this new life. Overall it is a good book with very interesting story.

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Dear Aung Kaung Khant,

Today I want to tell you about siddhartha hermann hess.

Siddhartha (don't call him Sidd; he hates that) grows up in a prosperous Brahman family. He's well-loved, but unhappy despite his popularity. He is spiritually dissatisfied and believes the elders in his community have nothing more to teach him. Siddhartha decides to join the Samanas, who are a group of wandering ascetics. His best friend, Govinda, accompanies him, and the two men spend three years with the Samanas learning how to withstand pain and hunger in an effort to flee the body's limitations.

Although the two friends learn quite a bit from the Samana way of life, they are still dissatisfied and decide to hear the teachings of Gotama Buddha. Govinda is impressed and chooses to join Gotama's community of monks. Despite Govinda's urgings and despite recognizing Gotama as the Holiest Man Ever, Siddhartha opts not to follow Gotama. He decides instead that he's an independent learner and is done with doctrine. The friends part ways.

Siddhartha travels to a nearby town where he is entranced by the beauty of a well-known courtesan named Kamala. He offers himself to her as a student in the art of love, but is gently rebuffed. Kamala says he needs money, clothes, and shoes. Siddhartha begins working for a wealthy merchant named Kamaswami and becomes Kamala's lover. For a time, Siddhartha is content with his life and is able to maintain a Samana-like distance from material concerns. Eventually, however, wealth and lust prove too much for Siddhartha. He develops anxiety, self-hatred, and a high-stakes gambling habit. One morning, overwhelmed by his own depression and troubling dreams, Siddhartha walks out of his fancy home and never returns.

After considering suicide and briefly encountering his old friend, Govinda, Siddhartha finds a ferryman and asks to become his apprentice. The ferryman, named Vasudeva, accepts Siddhartha as his companion and together the two men listen to the river. With the river as a spiritual guide, Siddhartha gradually grows wiser and wiser. After allowing his son (by Kamala) to leave the river and follow his own path, Siddhartha achieves enlightenment. Vasudeva passes into Nirvana, and Siddhartha continues to ferry people across the river. He then helps Govinda reach enlightenment.

Dear peer partner,

I would like to reflect on a novel name *Siddhartha* written by Hermann Hesse based on the early life of Buddha. The theme of the novel is the search for self-realization by a young Brahman, Siddhartha. Realizing the contradictions between reality and what he has been taught, he abandons his comfortable life to wander. His goal is to find the serenity that will enable him to defeat fear and to experience with equanimity the contrasts of life, including joy and sorrow, life and death. Asceticism including fasting, does not prove satisfying, nor do wealth, sensuality, and the attentions of a lovely courtesan. Despairing of finding fulfillment, he goes to the river and there learns simply to listen. He discovers within himself a spirit of love and learns to accept human separateness. In the end, Siddhartha grasps the wholeness of life and achieves a state of bliss and highest wisdom. As the son of a Brahmin, Siddhartha enjoys comfort and privilege while sequestered in his home village. However, as he grows older, his heart is moved by a burning desire to acquire wisdom and new experiences. Telling his father his intentions, Siddhartha and his childhood friend, Govinda, leave the safety of home to join the Samanas, a group of wandering ascetics.

Dear Myat Hay Thar,

Hello! How are you? I hope u are doing well as well as your family members. As you know the pandemic is spreading without reaching an endpoint I have been reading books as well as playing games.

I would like to share what I read to you and I hope that you will enjoy that book. The book I have read is called Siddhartha Herman Hesse Book. I will not spoil it to you but this book is mainly about Siddhartha who grows up in a small village in India. They were taught to believe the ancient Hindu teachings by Siddhartha's father, yet the young man becomes restless and decides to go out and explores the world to find answers of his questions. His friend Govinda leaves the village together and they both lead lives as wandering self-exiles of society living in self-denial. They suppress they bodily desires by fasting, breathing control, living poverty to the natural world and truth and meditations practice. After three years, Siddhartha grows weary of this life, too and decides accompany to Govinda to visit Buddha in Savanthi. This book teaches us about the religious purpose of other countries and as well as Siddhartha was a boy who never give his dream up easily. That is the review I have read about.

I hope this letter find you the best of spirits and as well as please say hi to your parents for me. If the pandemic is over, ask your parents to come to our house and have dinner with us.

Your lovely,

Best Friend.

SIDDHARTHA BOOK REVIEW – INFORMAL LETTER

Hey Kaung Htet Thu, it's been quite a while since the last time I wrote you a letter. This time it's a book review. Hooray! Hahahah. Well, all jokes aside, to be honest, this book was actually good, more than good.

“Siddhartha” by Herman Hesse. It talks about the story of one boy to man’s journey. As a boy growing up, Siddhartha had nearly everything we could ever wish for, but it just wasn’t enough to fulfill his satisfaction. Therefore, Siddhartha and his friend, Govinda left and joined the samanas in the forest. Samanas were a group of people who practiced self-discipline. Within the three years he spent with the Samanas, he learned three things along the way. 1. How to think. 2. How to wait. And 3. How to fast. Later on, Govinda and Siddhartha travel to meet Gautama, an enlightened who's purchased supreme being. But Siddhartha tries to walk the path alone rather than having a teacher. As he travels throughout the journey, he makes life astonishing accomplishments and was taught a lot along the way. Sidhartha also spends days listening to a river, as lessons on becoming enlightened. As of then, the moral of the story unfolds: “There will always be challenges in life, it’s up to you to find a way of enlightenment.” Stories like this that include morals are ones to remember, from describing one’s journey to teaching of Life lessons. “Siddhartha” By Herman Hesse, a book to remember.

Hope this reaches you and have a great day,

Kyaw Min Naing.

Reflection letter

Dear Lin Moe,

I've recently read a book, Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse. It's a novel about a man named Siddhartha on his journey to achieve spiritual enlightenment in the time of Gotama Buddha.

In summary, the book mainly focuses on two religions, Hinduism and Buddhism. The story follows Siddhartha in the 6th century BC. In search for true enlightenment, he does hours of meditation, disposes his personal wishes and possessions, fasts and even lets go of his "self". In the end, he understands fatherly love when his son leaves him behind to make an exploration of his own.

Even with Buddhism being my religion, I still found this book very educational. I learned a lot from it and hope for you to read it and find it the same way I do.

Yours truly,

Dear Lin Sandar Kyaw,

Hey there! How have you been? I hope you're doing well. The reason I am writing this letter to you is to recommend you a book that I have read this week called "Siddhartha Herman Hesse", which I found it very interesting.

Siddhartha is by far one of my favorite books. The book is simple yet enlightening. If you have questioned life and its meaning before, this might be a good book for you to read. The book takes you on a journey, questioning your beliefs and presenting wisdom whose interpretation is left to you. There's one takeaway for everyone, that is, we must live our own paths, find our own ways to actually understand life. I really liked the core message of the story, way of story writing, depiction of the stages of life, and the focus on self-learning.

I highly recommend this book and you can read it in your free time. I found this book very interesting to read and I hope you will too. I'll be looking forward to your letter. Bye!

Sincerely,

Lin Pyae Htet

Dear Khunn Sett Paing

Hi, I'm May Yadanar I write this letter to tell you the reflection and what is about the book of Siddhartha Herman Hesse. Siddhartha starts out a bit arrogant and annoying making him highly unrelatable, but on his journey he discovers his imperfections, and I really grew to like his character. His journey starts as a Brahmin, but he quickly decides to leave his family to become a Samana which is a traveling ascetic. Here he learns three great skills. Next, he meets the Buddha where he learns that nothing can be taught without learning it for oneself. It isn't until he meets a beautiful woman named Kamala. During this time, Siddhartha falls into the trap of greed and materialism. It's refreshing to see that a man who has spent his whole life trying to find the route to happiness could also get trapped by simple things like money. Having worked in the fashion industry, this chapter really spoke to me the most. Being consumed by things that are meaningless can happen to anyone.

The Reflections of the book I get is it has the essential truths of life. I love his quotes on the arts and the responsibilities of the individual for themselves and for society.

Sincerely,
May Yadanar Win

3/2/2021

Dear Hnin Ei Ei Hlaing,

How are you? Is everything okay? I'm well here. Even though I don't know you, I would like to recommend one of the book, called Siddhartha (Herman Hesse). Do you want to know more about the book I recommend? Anyway, I will be talking about it in the next paragraph...

Well, the story takes place in the ancient Nepalese kingdom of Kapilavastu. Siddhartha decides to leave his home in the hope of gaining spiritual illumination by becoming an ascetic wandering beggar of the Sammana. His best friend Govinda and him want to know more about the elegance of the Buddha's teachings. Even though they both join together, Siddhartha does not follow what Buddha's says. He always argues with Buddha's by saying the individual seeks an absolutely unique, personal meaning that cannot be presented. So he decided to carry on his quest alone and crosses a river and saw a woman called "Kamala" so he discovers that she is the most beautiful women he has yet seen. Although Siddhartha hates and dislikes who do not want to avoid as a Shramana, he agrees to Kamala's suggestions. Finally, Siddhartha becomes a rich man and Kamala's lover.

This is all about Siddhartha that I have read. I hope you will like the story I recommended. Take Care and Stay Safe! 😊

Written by:
Rose

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Dear Kaung Htet San,

I'd like to recommend you a book called "Siddhartha" by Herman Hesse. This book's goal is to find the serenity that will enable him to defeat fear and to experience with equanimity the contrasts of life, including joy and sorrow, life and death.

This is about the son of a Brahmin, Siddhartha enjoys comfort and privilege while sequestered in his home village. As he gets older and get more mature, he told his father his intentions that he wanted to acquire wisdom and new experiences. Siddhartha expertly explores the tension between the doctrinal dictates of organized religion and the inner promptings of the soul. As he get older he finally figured out that there is no easy way in life.

I hope you read this, I really enjoy it since its about life.

From,

The writer

Dear Bhone Myat Pine Soe,

Hello! I hope you and your family are well. I could only read a book last month, and I'm writing to let you know about my reflections on it. So the novel's Siddhartha by Herman Hesse. It's actually a pretty inspiring read for me. I'm sure you've read this, too, so let me just move on to my reflections about it. One of my favorite quotes would be "...when you throw a stone into the water, it finds the quickest way to the bottom of the water. It is the same when Siddhartha has an aim, a goal. Siddhartha does nothing; he waits, he thinks, he fasts. He is drawn by his goal, for he does not allow anything to enter his mind, which opposes his goal." That reminds me that to reach our goals, it's important to not let anything deviate our minds from achieving it. I also like how the falling stone is used in the metaphor. And, the use of third person point of view gives a very different read to it, like how Siddhartha calls himself by his own name. Another splendid quote would be "A soft, well-upholstered hell." Materialism struck my mind when I read that. Reminds me of our love on possessions, and how we should get rid of it because basically, it's just a temporary happiness. Now, the moral of the story. We'll definitely have different opinions on what the moral would be, but for me, the moral is that wisdom and enlightenment is only found through one's experiences. I used some quotes from the book to help explain my reflections. Overall, it's a really great book packed with many more life lessons.

So that's it! I hope this letter reaches you. I'm also looking forward to read your letter about this book. Have a good weekend!

From,
Phoo Pwint Kyi

Dear Chit Poe Yati,

I am a student from Secondary -2 (K), my name is Kyaw Zin Thant and I am 13 years old. Although I don't know you, but for the assignment, I will tell u my reflection after I have read the Siddhartha book.

First of all, the book is a fiction book, so it is not real. The setting is ancient India. The story happened during 500 BC. Its theme is for self-discovery and knowledge. The point of view is third person omniscient. The conflict is person vs internal and person vs external. The main characters are Siddhartha, Govinda, Brahmis, Samanas, Siddhartha Gotana, Kamala, Kamaswami and Vasudeva. The story goes on order of Siddhartha from childhood to adulthood. I feel that I have much interest in this novel and I also learn a lot from it. The grammar that the writer use, the plots and some difficult words also make me recognize more about English. Siddhartha is a transcendent, spiritual, and know himself very well. He also doesn't listen from other people outside and just follow his heart. The book is a bit hard to understand for me, so I think I cannot explain to you very well, so I will just tell u some precious decisions that Siddhartha had made. Siddhartha wanted to feel the life of the poor people, so he gave out his expensive clothes and also treasures. He tried to live in simple life and refused to the people who give him pleasure. He also practiced in meditating. At last, he achieved Enlightenment and became the Buddha.

This book tells me about how Siddhartha became Buddha and I also learn a lot from Siddhartha. For example, the precious things that he did, his efforts and courage. I also recommend you to read this book and hope that I can also read your reflection about this book in the next letter soon!

Yours sincerely,
Kyaw Zin Thant

Dear Indira,

The Siddhartha Herman Hesse book focuses on Hinduism and Buddhism. The story takes place in India around 6th century BC. Siddhartha tries to find his own path in life by fasting, going homeless, lets goes of his personal possessions and meditates. In the end, Siddhartha becomes a father and finally realizes how much his own father loved him. Then, his own son in turn leaves him to explore the world just like him. Overall, this book is great and I recommend it to you because Myanmar's population majority are Buddhists.

*Yours Sincerely,
Minn Pyae*

Siddhartha Herman Hesse Book Review Assignment

The search for self-realization by a young Brahman, Siddhartha, is the theme in this novel. He tends to leave his comfortable existence to roam, realizing the flaws among reality and what he has been learned. Siddhartha is the respected son of a Brahmin in ancient India. He longs for something more from his life than the rituals of religion. Siddhartha believes his father has already passed on all the wisdom their community has to offer. Siddhartha's father does not want him to join the Samanas, but he cannot dissuade him. Govinda also wants to find a path to enlightenment, and he joins Siddhartha in this new life. Siddhartha renounces all pleasures in order to find enlightenment. He renounces his desire for property, clothing, sexuality, and all sustenance except that required to live. Siddhartha and Govinda leave the Samanas and seek the enlightenment of Gotama the Buddha. The story ends with the two Brahmins returning to the Brahmin tradition. The book is written by Ravi Agrawal and based on the life of Siddhartha. Siddhartha and Govinda find Gotama's camp of followers and are taken in. Siddhartha questions how one can embrace the unity of all things, as the Buddha asks, if they are also being told to overcome the physical world. He leaves Govinda behind and begins a search for the meaning of life, which he feels will not be dependent on religious instruction. In his new life, he meets a beautiful courtesan named Kamala, but she will not have him unless he proves he can fit into the material world. The novel ends with Govinda returning to the river to seek enlightenment by meeting with a wise man who lives there. When Govinda arrives, he does not recognize that the wise man is Siddhartha himself. Govinda is still a follower of Gotama but has yet to attain the kind of enlightenment.

Dear Thada Pyae Pyae Win,

Hi! How is everything these days? I hope everything is fine. We aren't in the same class but I am very glad to write a book review to you. In this letter, I am going to write briefly about the novel called 'Siddhartha'.

The word Siddhartha is made up of two words in Sanskrit language Siddha + artha, which together means "The one who has accomplished a goal and is of Indian origin". The Siddhartha is a novel which is written by Hermann Hesse in 1922, so that we can regard it as a classical novel. As well, it was Hesse's ninth novel. It is a novel about a man named Siddhartha that deals with the spiritual journey of self-discovery during the tie of the Gautama Buddha.

The book is chiefly about the religion of the past centuries. This book is suitable for the person who love discovering the past history of religion. I hope this book review will allow you to understand briefly about this book and take good care of your health too.

Sincerely,

San Myint Tun

Aung Min Khant
Yangon, Myanmar

Thursday February 4th

Aung Kaung Zin
Crystal Lake Company
53 Oak Avenue, ste 5

Dear Aung Kaung Zin,

I'm writing this to tell about the Siddhartha Herman Hesse book, Awesome book that depicts one's behavior towards the outside world. The book helps understand the right and wrong and also makes us understand that without experience we may not be able to decide if something is wrong then why it is wrong. Why some path suggested by scholars may not be the right path for us. The book is all about the experience and one should read this book if they are facing difficulty in choosing a path (Like money or Success or love or spirituality) in their life.

I hope u read the book,

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Dear Aung Kaung Khant,

Hey! How are you? Today I read a very interesting book and I think you should read it too. That book is called "Siddhartha" and it is written by Herman Hesse. The quest for self-realization by a young Brahman, Siddhartha, is the theme of the novel. He leaves his comfortable life to wander, discovering the inconsistencies in truth and what he has been taught.

His purpose is to find the serenity that will enable him to defeat fear and to experience life's contrasts, including joy and sorrow, life and death, with equanimity. Asceticism, like fasting, does not prove fulfilling, nor do riches, sensuality, and a lovely courtesan's attentions. Desperate to find satisfaction, he goes to the river and actually learns to listen. He discovers a spirit of love inside himself and learns to embrace human individuality. Siddhartha, in the end, grasps the totality of life and reaches a state of happiness and supreme wisdom.

So, this was the summary of this story. You should read it as soon as possible. I guarantee that it won't disappoint you. I also think that this book will give you the knowledge about life that you want to find out about. I hope you enjoy this book. Please do write back soon.

Kind regards,

Chu



Siddhartha, from the Brahmin family is destined to be the heir of his father taking on the traditions of his family and become the prince of the caste members. But he meets religious leaders and instructors along the way that waver his decisions about becoming the prince of the caste members. Read about his life journey and decision making processes where he wavers between his family expectations and his struggle to reach personal enlightenment. Refer to the Reading Guide below to complete a book review of the book. Then write a letter to your peer concerning the reflections of the book in the form of an informal letter. We will be discussing the book in class.

Dear Kyi Phyu,

It's been a while since I've heard from you. Where have you been? I really hope this letter finds you in the best of sprits.

Theres a book I've been loving and it's called Siddhartha by Herman Heese. This book is about the life of the Siddhartha, who struggled all his life searching for the “meaning of life”.

His journey towards finding the true meaning of life. Beautiful lessons that one can apply to daily life. He is differentiated between knowledge and wisdom, about unity of all life forms, about time being unrealistic and about transitions one goes through in life and how one can begin his life all over again and giving up the foolishness of the past. That one should not be loved for their thoughts but not their deeds and that everything that exists in the world is good.

Sincerely, Min Khant Lwin

Dear May Htake Htar,

Hey! It's been such a long time since we last talked. How are things going on these days? School is stressful right? There is a book I recently read and thought you would like it!

It's called Siddhartha. The story was situated in ancient India, the era where Gotama Buddha existed. A man called Siddhartha was the son of a Brahmin. After he realized he didn't want to perform the job of the Brahmins, he decided to become part of the travelers along with his friend, Govinda. Although he learned many things during those three years spent with the travelers, he eventually drifted off and he met Gotama.

He stepped out into the world to find himself, not teachings. Therefore, when Govinda decided to follow one's teachings, he stayed behind. He then spent years still finding himself. He became rich, learned about love, went through tons of obstacles. He then left all his possessions and once again came out to seek out on what he was. By the time, he was already a man of knowledge.

He then chose to become a ferryman to find more about himself with the help of the river. He learnt more things about life when he encountered the people from his past; Govinda, Kamala. He was one of the fewest types of people out there, the type who continuously searched for themselves, rather than searching for wealth or knowledge.

The main point of the book was self-discovery. I didn't go in dept about the storyline since I considered you would hate spoilers. Write me back when you read this book! I'll be waiting for your reply.

From,

Moe Oo...

Dear Maximilam Maurice,

The main thing of this story is mainly that the search for self-realization by a young Brahman, Siddhartha. He realized the difference between reality and what he has been taught, he abandons his comfortable life to wander. His goal was to find the serenity that will enable him to defeat fear and to experience with equanimity the contrasts of life, including joy and sorrow, life, and death. He included fasting, does not prove satisfying, nor do wealth, sensuality, and the attentions of a lovely courtesan. Despairing of finding fulfillment, he goes to the river and there learns simply to listen. He discovers within himself a spirit of love and learns to accept human separateness. In the end, Siddhartha grasps the wholeness of life and achieves a state of bliss and highest wisdom.

So, he was able to find out the new things out in the world. He learnt many new things and he was fortunate to do that.

Yours Truly,
Nyan Linn Oo

Dear Phone Myat Aung Kyaing,

It's been a while since I've heard from you. Where have you been? I really hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits.

There's a book I've been loving and it's called Siddhartha by Herman Heese. It really gets into beautiful insights into the life of Siddhartha. His journey towards finding the true meaning of life.

The book helps understand the right and wrong and also makes us understand that without experience we may not be able to decide if something is wrong then why it is wrong. Why some path suggested by scholars may not be the right path for us. The book is all about the experience and you should read this book if they are facing difficulty in choosing a path (either money, success, love or spirituality) in their life.

The writing style is very simple, and it has Indian background and we can feel ancient India's ambience while reading this book. Simplicity is the core value of this book, in writing style as well as the content, the teachings from this book.

Best Wishes,

Pyoe

Siddhartha Herman Hesse

A is a story about a man named Siddhartha who wants to find enlightenment as a monk. He leaves his family and travels with his friend, Govinda, to learn from samanas, or wise monks, living in the forest. Over time, Siddhartha dislikes the teachings and teachers and wants to learn more on his own. He leaves behind Govinda, who stays back to learn from Gautama, the Buddha. Siddhartha finds his way into a town and meets Kamala, a beautiful woman. He is attracted to her, but she wants a wealthy man. He knows nothing of business, seeks the help of a local merchant, who trains him. Soon, Siddhartha gains wealth and wins over Kamala. However, he loses his passion for perceiving enlightenment and indulges in gambling, possessions, and women. He realizes that he has strayed from his original path towards enlightenment and gives all of his possessions away, leaving Kamala behind with a son. Siddhartha encounters a ferryman named Vasudeva, who seems to have found peace and enlightenment on the river. He stays with him and learns to find inner peace. One day, Siddhartha encounters Kamala and her son, Siddhartha, near the river. Kamala gets bitten by a snake and dies, leaving the boy with Siddhartha to raise. However, the boy runs away. Siddhartha doesn't know what to do. After Vasudeva leaves, Siddhartha stays as a ferryman and visited by Govinda. In the end, he has found enlightenment and shares a glimpse of it with Govinda. A lot can give voice to this story, but what draws my interest and attention is the idea of the self needing to die to progress growth. A dying of character within ourselves, which then pushes us to change and become the person we are trying to become. Siddhartha realizes that for him to accomplish enlightenment, he would need to forget the many lessons he learned as he started as a samanas. As a way of unlearning those ways. He had to kill his former self and all the mental inclination that went with that self when he became a merchant and discovered greed. Think of it this way. There's a caterpillar and then a butterfly. For the caterpillar to become a butterfly, it has to kill the part of itself that is a caterpillar and becomes something different, unrecognizable, the cocoon or pupa. And when the caterpillar ceases to be a caterpillar, it emerges and is now something different, a butterfly. And like a butterfly, it doesn't think the same as the caterpillar. It is something completely new. And so in this same way, for a lot of us, we need our former selves to die to become something great, or at least something different. For Siddhartha, it took him his entire life to realize this. That what he was chasing, which was enlightenment, could never be attained in the state that he was inside. He could only achieve it after he had experienced more of life and ultimately became a different person.

Dear Aung Myat Hein,

I've recently read *Sidhartha*, an old Indian book about its titular character Sidhartha, son of a successful Brahmin go on a journey of self discovery.

I can't really tell you a lot about the book as it's really interesting and I don't want to spoil it for you but I can confirm that it's definitely an amazing read.

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Dear Aung Thu Khant,

#Paragraph(1) I would like to talk about the book called sitthartha. He is from the Brahmin family. He is the heir of his father. He became the prince of the caste member. He meets religious. On The Journey, he decided a making processes to reach personal enlightenment.

#Paragraph(2) His close friend is Govinda. His father is Brahmin. He is unable to satisfy his son enlightenment. He experiences a whole circle of life. His teacher is Gotama whose power of self-experience and self-wisdom is praised by Siddhartha.

#Paragraph(3) He loves his father's importance and love when he becomes a father. Aung Thu Khant, I want you to read about this book . It gives you some knowledge about the ancient Kingdom. It is very precious for you to know Buddha's teaching and Philosophy.

#(Conclusion) Waiting for your message. see you soon.

With Love,
Aung Myat Hein



Dear Phyto Htet Kyaw,

Hi! Nice to meet you and today I'm going to be talking to you about my reflection upon Siddhartha Herman Hesse Book which really fascinated me. It's a good book although it's not based on true story, but rather fictional. This is why sometimes it is good to read fictional books especially the educational ones.

Siddhartha is a 1922 novel by Hermann Hesse that deals with the spiritual journey of self-discovery of a man named Siddhartha during the time of the Gautama Buddha. Siddhartha is categorized by some as literary fiction or genre fiction, while others classify the novel as religious & inspirational. It's a good novel because of its great plot and characters, but Siddhartha is the main character since the book is named after him. This is a third person omniscient point of view. The novel explains us about the life of Siddhartha and his journey throughout the story. He used to live comfortably, but all of the sudden he learned something magnificent and wanted to explore the meaning of life as soon as possible so he quickly went on a journey. After the journey he realizes the true meaning of life as he became a Buddhist. This is inspirational and cheering that make us feel enlivened.

In the end, it finishes off happily as usual and gives us a message of a young Brahman, Siddhartha realizing the contradictions between reality and what he has been taught, he abandons his comfortable life to wander. So, this is all about my reflection paper of Siddhartha Hermann Hesse book. I hope you enjoyed it and I will see you later. Bye!

Best Regards,

Chan Myae Naing

Dear Moe,

Hi. I hope you're okay. Are you safe? I know it's been a tough time, so I'd like to write to you to recommend a book, Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse.

Siddhartha is an old novel, published back in 1922. Hesse wrote this after his visit to India, before the first world war. Which, I'm sure you've probably guessed what this novel is going to be about. If you had Buddha in mind, yes, you're right.

In life, young Buddha, Siddhartha learnt to make significant decisions and not to be tied to anything or anyone. This may sound straightforward, he goes through hope and despair. I believe most Burmese people, including me are Buddhists, and reading the novel, is equal to learning history of our Buddha. Despite getting to know what Sidhartha went through, you'll also get to know about some teachings of Buddhist.

I'm sure you're also curious about the life Sidhartha. Reading some novels at such time can also help with your stress. Let me know what you think about the book later. Goodbye for now.

Be safe,
Hnin Ei.

Dear May Yadanar Win,

Siddhartha, a story of the first Buddha, told by Hermann Hesse and still considered one of his most famous works. The book Siddhartha Herman Hesse is truly fascinating. Siddhartha Herman Hesse is a respected son of a Brahmin. Siddhartha was brought up in a very wealthy family. He found love, had a child, celebrated in the spoils of riches getting drunk and enjoying many such luxuries. He performs all the rituals of religion which was said to bring peace and happiness. However, he feels something is missing. Siddhartha then found out about a holy man named Gotama the Buddha. He doubted Gotama and left their camp. He embarks on a journey to seek true peace. The book is interesting about his journey to seek true peace. He found calmness in silence. He found answers in meditation. I felt touched by his story. He became the first Buddha. He finally knew about the solutions of life and suffering. This incredible story can assist us on the path to continue on your journey. In my religion Buddhism, this story is considered as true. The story is about the life of Buddha. True monks are able to seek true peace through meditation for months or maybe years or so without eating. I think the story is based on our religion. The book is about the life of Siddhartha. I was touched after reading the story. I am very sure you would love this book. As soon as you finish reading the book, reply me. I want to discuss further more on this book. I will be looking forward to it.

Yours sincerely,
Khunn Sett Paing.

Dear Maung ko Oo,

These days I have been having my eyes on his cook name' Siddhartha herman'. Its basically The Samanas have been as unsuccessful as the Brahmins Siddhartha and Govinda left behind. At this time, Siddhartha and the other Samanas begin to hear about a new holy man named Gotama the Buddha who has attained the total spiritual enlightenment called Nirvana.

Siddhartha immediately recognizes Govinda when he wakes up, but Govinda notes that Siddhartha has changed significantly from his days with the Samanas and now appears to be a rich man.

Siddhartha expresses a desire to likewise learn from the river, and Vasudeva agrees to let Siddhartha live and work beside him.

Siddhartha studies the river for many years, and Vasudeva teaches Siddhartha how to learn the many secrets the river has to tell.

Govinda is still a follower of Gotama but has yet to attain the kind of enlightenment that Siddhartha now radiates, and he asks Siddhartha to teach him what he knows.

Dear peer,

I've had read this book called Siddhartha and I would definitely recommend it. I think u should read this book because the majority of the Burmese people are Buddhist and it would help you understand the young life of Buddha. I also got to know things I didn't know about Buddha at all. Now I can answer anything about Buddha that my parents ask me about once a full moon. I learned a lot of things from him, too. It's a good time to read books right now since it's a stressful time for us right now. Anyways, hope u enjoy the book I recommend.

Your peer,

anonymous

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Siddhartha by Herman Hesse's classic novel has delighted, inspired, and influenced generations of readers, writers, and thinkers. In this story of a wealthy Indian Brahmin who casts off a life of privilege to seek spiritual fulfillment.

Hesse synthesizes disparate philosophies--Eastern religions, Jungian archetypes, Western individualism into a unique vision of life as expressed through one man's search for true meaning.

The book feels so simple in its words but when you finish it you feel wiser and would read it again ... understanding even more. And the experiences are so common and relate-able.

In life, sometimes it happens that we suddenly stop and become aware of ourselves... the person we have become drifting in the flow of the world and the person we wanted to be. That situation... I learnt how to handle after reading this book. Although, you might learn something else. Something more important to you.

My favorite quote from this book: 'What you search is not necessarily the same as what you find. When you let go of the searching, you start finding.'

The story of Siddhartha is very interesting. The story tells about Siddhartha on his way to find enlightenment and the things he went through. He and his friend Govinda left the town to find enlightenment. They went to the woods where they learn new things and knowledge with the Samanas. However, Siddhartha wasn't satisfied as he wanted to achieve the goal of enlightenment but none of the Samanas have achieved. Therefore, Siddhartha and Govinda decided to go meet Budha. After seeing him Siddhartha thought he needed to find enlightenment on his own so went on the river arriving to a town where he met Kamala. He fell in love with her and he started to work. After he became wealthy, he was into gambling. Siddhartha then finally realized he was supposed to find enlightenment and decided to get enlightened by the river. Finally, he found enlightenment as the story goes on. I was very surprised at how he could leave or kill his past self that liked to gamble and other bad things. The story teaches us how to go the right path. Siddhartha was a very interesting story because I thought he would be ruined after getting wealthy and gambled as many people get addiction to it. Therefore, I love how he taught us even if we made mistake we can fix it by becoming a better self and trying to be the better self.

Dear Khine Khant Ko Ko,

Hey! How was the book (Siddhartha)? It was a fascinating book for me and I learned a lot of lessons. During this pandemic time, I mostly read books than I had expected. Reading religious books like Siddhartha would be a tedious task to do and I thought the book was non-fiction yet a fiction book. I prefer reading non-fiction books to be honest but I somehow enjoy reading and knowing about religious stuff. What was your favourite part of the story? Along the journey of Siddhartha's life, he becomes part of a sacred tribe and learns the value of stillness, breath, and fasting. The Samana way teaches Siddhartha a deeper connection with all living beings and creatures; feeling at peace with the process of birth and death, just like the cycle of life. "It is not for me to judge another man's life. I must judge, I must choose, I must spurn, purely for myself. For myself, alone." This quote is one of my favourite quotes of all. I could relate this as it is talking to judge and choose all the things in your life by you only. Don't listen to other negative points that will harm you or make you feel frustrated. If I were Siddhartha, I would choose my life path like him while Govinda just followed only one way that would face less difficulties. I believed everyone would learn from their tiny mistakes they made every day and Siddhartha is the boy who learns from his mistakes at last and eventually goes into a peaceful path where he chooses and lives happily after. Instead of going and choosing one way, why not try to find more ways to get your life better and satisfy yourself? One day you will get to reach your goals and thank your decisions. Hope you become one of the successful people where everyone knows your hard work.

Best wishes,

Min Ji

Siddhartha

Dear Moe Myint Mg Mg,

Hi! It's been a long time since we've met. I remember your birthday party last 2 year, it was really fun. However, you know this time, we cannot meet and hang out. Is it only me being bored at home doing nothing? I recommend the book "Siddhartha". It is nothing religious don't worry. Reading this book, I look back at my life once again.

The book starts with Siddhartha as a perfect boy. He is smart and people love him. But later, he leaves the village and goes to the forest to find a solution to his thirstiness. He stayed for 3 years and received three things, to think, wait and fast. He leaves to find a teacher but realizes that one need to walk alone to find his own path. There he leaves again. He then meets a woman he tends to love but what she wants is money.

Reading this book got me thinking how I should continue my life as a student to achieve goal in the later times. If you have many thoughts about your life or feel emptiness, this book is for you.

From,

Sara

Dear Mo Oo Nwe,

I am going to write about a book called siddhartha. It is a book written a young men in the hope of finding self self-realization in the time of Gautama Buddha. I think it is a very good book to read and many people should try reading because even though its in the way of Buddhist teching, it help us to reach peace , finding the meaning in simple moment and gaining self awareness through introspection. And during the time of reading , I hope you enjoy it too.

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Dear Phone Naing Win,

Siddhartha, the handsome and respected son of a Brahmin, lives with his father in ancient India. Everyone in the village expects Siddhartha to be a successful Brahmin like his father. Siddhartha enjoys a near-idyllic existence with his best friend, Govinda, but he is secretly dissatisfied. He performs all the rituals of religion, and he does what religion says should bring him happiness and peace. Nonetheless, he feels something is missing. His father and the other elders have still not achieved enlightenment, and he feels that staying with them will not settle the questions he has about the nature of his existence. Siddhartha believes his father has already passed on all the wisdom their community has to offer, but he longs for something more.

The book begins six centuries before the birth of Christ in India during the life of Gautama the Buddha. Siddhartha is a young Brahmin, a caste in Hinduism that consists of priests and teachers. Siddhartha's friends and family know that he is destined for great things because he has, at such a young age, mastered the ideas of his religion. Siddhartha's father is a Brahmin and an important member of their community and everyone expects that Siddhartha will follow in his footsteps. However, Siddhartha is not so sure. He finds himself dissatisfied with the state of Hinduism in his town. He believes that his father and his peers have studied the wisdom of the religion extensively but does not feel that they have really achieved enlightenment. Siddhartha wonders if the mantras and rituals of the religion have become more of a tradition and a commonplace custom than a true worship and path to enlightenment.

The book ends with Govinda returning to the river to seek enlightenment by meeting with a wise man who lives there. When Govinda arrives, he does not recognize that the wise man is Siddhartha himself. Govinda is still a follower of Gotama but has yet to attain the kind of enlightenment that Siddhartha now radiates, and he asks Siddhartha to teach him what he knows. Siddhartha explains that neither he nor anyone can teach the wisdom to Govinda, because verbal explanations are limited and can never communicate the entirety of enlightenment. Instead, he asks Govinda to kiss him on the forehead, and when Govinda does, the vision of unity that Siddhartha has experienced is communicated instantly to Govinda. Govinda and Siddhartha have both finally achieved the enlightenment they set out to find in the days of their youth. This book is an interesting and nice book to read. I would recommend you to read this book. I had fun reading this book.

From
Paing.

Dear Phyo Makha,

Hi Phyo Makha, I have never written to you before so if you are surprised, then that makes the two of us. How has it been since the pandemic. I haven't heard anything about you for so long. How are your classes? My classes are going great but sometimes hectic and noisy. I recently read this novel called "Siddhartha" by Hermann Hesse. I won't spoil much but I'll give the overall summary.

So, this book is about the main character called "Siddhartha", who received many teachings from his teachers along with the quest for happiness. He met 5 teachers along that quest which he felt appreciated. The first teacher Kamala, who taught him about love and to seek out the wealth that would supposedly bring him happiness. The second one was a merchant named Kamaswami who taught Siddhartha how to make money and to live as a rich man. He also taught him the dark side of life and Siddartha began uninterested in money. He started to realize that money only made him sad. He met the final teacher who was called Vasudeva that most likely taught him the most important lesson Siddartha could ever receive. I won't tell what lesson Vasudeva gave. You will have to find it out for yourself and I don't want to spoil.

I'll end the letter here. Thanks for taking time to listen to be. I rant a lot so I apologize if you felt that way.

Yours truly,

Phone Myat Aung Kyaing