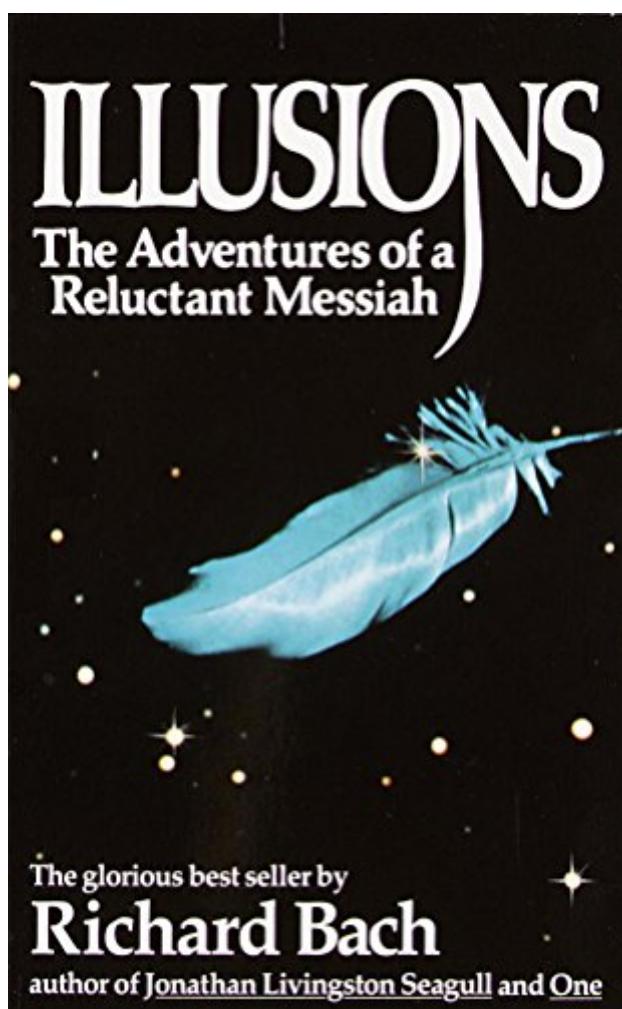


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# Illusions: The Adventures Of A Reluctant Messiah



## **Synopsis**

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 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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Fantastic book based on a philosophy that has increasingly become more popular over the years. A wonderful illustration of how we create our own world and future based on our thinking and beliefs.

This is one of my favorite books EVER--I've read it dozens of times (it's short enough to read at a single sitting. However, the latest version of the Mass Market Paperback has INCREDIBLY small print. I purchased this as a high school graduation gift for my nephew, and imagine my surprise when I opened it to inscribe the book. The typeface must be 8 points (if that!) I would not inflict this small of type on anyone -- not even my 18 year old nephew who has perfect vision! I'm returning it for another version, because even a great book, which this is, needs to be able to be READ WITHOUT A MAGNIFYING GLASS!

Illusions is timeless; it's a classic. The thought provoking passages shared within will always be relative to anyone who dares to read and consider the ideas presented. I first read this book many years ago and was fascinated by the scope of the philosophy and spiritualism it stirred while being skillfully entertaining as well. I truly enjoyed the conversations between the two pilots. I was if I were there eavesdropping on their conversation. From that time on Richard Bach has been one of my favorite authors. I chose to read "Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah" again because I'm planning to read "Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Student." I not only recommend this book, I highly recommend it.

Read this book 35 years ago, before marriage and kids. Thought it interesting. But after reading it again, am blown away. This book is for those with mystic interests or open imaginations. Used to think it was cute to say that by the time one has things figured out, it'd be time to be checking out. I'll never be saying that again.

There are no more comforting words to read than those of Richard Bach! I've read them all several times over the years since he first wrote them. I doubt I'll ever tire of reading them! And there's no telling how many more times I'll read them but I do know that I'll always come away happy at having learned something new, found words that I'd missed the first time, and added a bit of Richard to the Me that is. Thank you Richard for all the joy and peace you've added to my life. Two or three decades ago, as I often do, I treated myself to an only-me vacation; this one at Montauk Point on the end of Long Island. I just wanted to sleep and wake to the sound of the surf and walk on the beach picking up a shell here and there. Then I stopped in a gift shop and found the most wondrous 18 caret, solid gold, Jonathan Livingston Seagull pendant. He's one inch long, with wings spread in full flight and he's never left my neck for longer than it takes to buy him a new chain! I could never

choose whether I like you, your words, or Jonathan best. I guess that means I love you ALL!!!!!!  
Thank you so much!!!

Loved this book when I was 17- still love it at age 50+. The lessons still hold up and the quotes are still amazing. If you never read this in the 70s, do yourself a favor and read it now.

I now have four different versions of this book...two soft covers, a hard cover, and now a kindle version. This is probably one of the best stories I have read and I enjoy the existential approach that this story offers...for we are all children of the great IS.

I started reading Richard Bach at my teenager time and I couldn't stop, to me he is one of the most amazing writers, starting with Jonathan Seagull story I went on reading everything he wrote and it made so much sense to me, I learned a lots with his books, each one developing more and more the sense of the invisible to the eyes that reaches the heart. I'm truly grateful to the author for the learning and all the magical moments I have reading his books. This book makes us go deep in ourselves, the twists and surprises drive us into a steady flow of understanding of complex aspects but in a very accessible language. So many words of wisdom, "You teach best what you most need to learn", and "You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it however". The book took me into a searching voyage for the messiah in myself.

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