

From west to east and back agai: an educational reading of Hermann Hesse's later work

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Abstrak

This book suggests that Hesse was a man of the West who turned to the idea of 'the East' in seeking to understand himself and his society. From these later texts a rich, complex theory of educational transformation emerges. From West to East and Back Again examines the role of dialogue and uncertainty in the transformative process, considers utopian and ritualistic elements in Hesse's work, and explores the notion of education serving as a bridge between life and death. Hesse's novels address philosophical themes and questions of enduring significance.