



girl telling her mother: "You must read The Alchemist!"

And little by little, my dream was becoming reality. Ten, a hundred, A THOUSAND, A MILLION COPIES SOLD IN America.

One day, a Brazilian journalist phoned to say that President Clinton had been photographed reading the book. Some time later, when I was in Turkey, I opened the magazine Vanity Fair and there was Julia Roberts declaring that she adored the book. Walking alone down a street in Miami, I heard a