

CARLOS CASTANEDA

THE SECOND RING OF POWER



"Don Juan has found a firm place in the contemporary spirit... It is good to have him around, reminding us to stop the world and wonder."

—Sam Keen, Psychology Today

Since the publication of The Teachings of Don Juan, which The New York Times hailed as "an extraordinary spiritual and psychological document," millions of readers have avidly followed Carlos Castaneda's extraordinary journey into the world of sorcery. The Second Ring of Power will take those readers to an even more exotic terrain.

The Second Ring of Power centers on the formidable figure of doña Soledad. Trained by don Juan, transformed by his teachings from a bent and gray-haired woman into a sensual and deeply sexual figure of awesome and mysterious power, she uses her sorcery to test Castaneda. This combat constitutes a prelude to an astonishing discovery. For through his confrontations with doña Soledad, Castaneda becomes acquainted with a sorcerer's family, a small closed society in which the teachings of don Juan have become a way of life. His philosophy is so powerful that it touches and explains every aspect of that world and alters the relationships between family members. They are no longer mother and child, husband and wife, sister and brother, friend and enemy, but disciples, witnesses, and accomplices in don Juan's grand design.

Remarkable as all of Castaneda's books have been, The Second Ring of Power goes far beyond anything he has written before. For this book, a new and startling chapter in one of the great journeys of enlightenment of our time, vividly presents a different vision—a vision of the world of the full-fledged sorcerer, in which the message of don Juan must be transformed into real life.