



# **Journey to Ithaca (1995)**

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# I- Plot of the Novel, *Journey To Ithaca*

- Introduction of the protagonists:
  - Matteo- misfit child
  - Sophie- a journalist with practical attitude

# Journey of Sophie and Matteo to India

- Bombay, Goa, Bihar, North of India,
- Meeting with Mother - at the foot of Himalayas
- Sophie's Pregnancy
- Sophie's life in Ashram
- Matteo's routine in Ashram
- Two children – Son- Giacomo, Daughter- Isabel

# Different out looks of Sophie and Matteo

- Different approaches of Sophie and Matteo to look at the life-Matteo in spiritual quest whereas for Sophie spiritual quest is useless attempt
- Sophie is practical minded
- Sophie's Rejection of Matteo's Spiritual Quest
- Journey to Italy by rejecting the life style of Matteo and his spiritual quest
- Coming back to India by getting news of Matteo's illness
- Decision of Sophie to reveal the past and fact of 'mother'.

## Mother's past and fact

- Sophie's journey to New York, Mediterranean, Alexandria, New York, India
- Mother's Past: Laila Daughter of Hamid and Alma misfit child
- Lives in Paris at French aunt, Francoise, maternal aunt
- Joins to dance troupe for divine experience lead by Master Krishna
- Journey of Mother to India for her divine experience
- Meeting with Master Krishna

# Sophie's coming back to India in the ashram

- Mother's death
- Matteo follows the path of mother and decides to go at the top of mountain at Himalaya in spiritual quest
- Sophie follows Matteo
- End- Giacomo reports his grandmother about his father's new form, in the form of Jesus Christ

# Setting

- Places: Lago di Garda, Northern India, Bombay, Cairo, Paris, New York and Holyoke MA.
- Time frame ; 1960s and 1970s. Chapter 3 takes place in the 1920s

# Structure

- **Chapter I**
- **Chapter II**
- **Chapter III**
- **Chapter IV**
- **Epilogue**



# Significance of Title

- Constantine P. Cavafy's poem '*Ithaca*', translated by Roe Dalven
- Ithaca- Ithaca is back home or Celestial city
- Coming back to simplicity
- Search of truth of life

# Journeys in the Novel - Search of Spiritual truth

Sr. No..	Matteo	Laila	Sophie
1.	Italy	Italy	Italy
2	Mumbai	Paris	Mumbai
3	Goa	New York	Goa
4	North India	India	North India
5	Foot of Himalaya		Foot of Himalaya
6			Italy
7			New York
8			India
9			Alexandria, Cairo, Paris, Venice, NewYork
10			Foot of Himalaya



Thank You!