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The long walk of inspiration

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The award-winning Brazilian author Paulo Coelho is one of the world's best-selling authors. His books have been published in 56 languages.

The pilgrims' route from France to Santiago de Compostela on the north-west coast of Spain has long been a source of inspiration for Paulo Coelho's writings. His famous novels "The Pilgrimage" (1987) and "The Alchemist" (1988) are two such examples. Coelho himself says that it was this pilgrimage, and in particular the route from Roncesvalles on the French border, that revealed to him that the source for his writing could only be found inside himself.

Paulo Coelho's book on the pilgrimage was released in Scandinavia in the autumn of 2006. The author invited Norwegian TV to join him on his journey along the route, as it wends its way through Aquitaine and the Basque country, to Santiago. As the journey progresses, the world-renowned author shares his thoughts and dreams with us. Some of the interviews take place in his recently purchased house near Lourdes, the town of miracles, at the foot of the French Pyrenees, which is close to pilgrimage route.

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