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— David Bohm

Tug on anything at all and you'll find it connected to everything else in the universe.

— John Muir



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In 1972, Bob B. Pilhaus (Beep), a self-absorbed, 24-year-old surfer/hippie/intellectual is on a train in Europe. He is at the end of his rope, stoned and nearly suicidal, on the run from the law, hoping to find some peace in the soothing September waves of the Bay of Biscay. He tries to ingratiate himself with a striking young woman in the dining car—Esmeralda, a French-Canadian ex-fashion model, who is far more than she appears—and he gets much more than he bargained for in the process.

Esmeralda is an "evolved" human being with the peculiar ability to sense and manipulate time as completely as others understand and use the three spatial dimensions. Upon his request, she sends Beep back in time to relive the last twelve years of his life, with his memory and knowledge intact. His fervent hope is that he can undo all his previous mistakes and change his life for the better, but the reality is far different.

In this "coming of age" tale (with a cosmic time-trap twist), Beep lives his life again, through the politically and socially charged decade of the '60s, growing up in the Southern California surf culture. Join him on his quest for answers to the really big questions of who we are, why we are here, and what is the true nature of conciousness.

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