

Adventure

Adventure is what you make of events ideas or decisions. For a visually handicapped person a guided tour of a foreign city, with a good tour-bus announcer, can be a thrilling vicarious adventure in the mind, in the course of which the handicapped visitor generates a complete and sensually full image of City X, of which a week before he had never heard. For this visitor to City X, the trip just taken has been a fascinating adventure in the mind.

For another visitor to the Holy City of Rome, a depressed widow who has lost the love of her life, and who is visiting the Vatican to align her soul with lasting truths, the upcoming week of prayer, commiseration, and penance will become an overwhelming adventure in the mind, out of which she emerges more subtle, lively and independent. She has given over her mind and soul to a powerful adventure.

Adventures are events in the mind. I cannot have or go on an adventure, unless I am appropriately disposed to it. Let's say I am stranded in a heavy snowstorm, in a small town in Pennsylvania. I will have to spend the night there, but at the moment I find myself trading glances with the only other person at the bar, a stunning blonde who looks like getting to know me. My fantasy life kicks in. Am I on the brink of an adventure? Alarm bells go off. The whole landscape of guilt flashes before my eyes. At once I remember a phone call I need to make. I hurry up to my room. No adventure today. A simple moral tale, yes.