

# About THE BOOK



“What happened, Tara?”  
Kiran’s grandpa asked in a calm voice, his eyes firmly looking at Kiran’s mom.

“There was an accident at the job site,” she said. “He fell, and his back is hurt. I don’t know more than that ... but he’s in Intensive Care, and I need to get to the hospital.”


~ *The Magical Horses*,  
page 8



ine-year-old Kiran is not happy to find himself suddenly living with his grandparents in a small town. When things go from bad to worse, an old note-book given to him by his grandfather brings unexpected comfort. As words gradually and mysteriously begin to surface from the book’s blank pages, Kiran moves into the world of two lively and courageous mouse twins who, from their miniature world, take on an epic-scale journey.

The *Magical Horses* is an exciting and inspiring tale written by Saskatchewan author and artist Beate Epp. With her unique brand of storytelling, children and adults will be whisked away to a world of long-forgotten secrets about wondrous and peaceful times. Throughout the book, little illustrations highlight the adventure and will give each reader that cosy feeling of journeying with familiar friends. A must for any bookshelf, this book is a beautiful example of the quality of Canadian writing.

The *Magical Horses* is the first book in a three part trilogy.



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# About THE AUTHOR



Artist, writer, and holistic healer Beate Epp lives with her husband, Paul, on their Organic Art and Healing farm in Saskatchewan, Canada. She loves nature and being with her horses, cats, and dogs. Be it with her colourful paintings, her imaginative stories, or with the holistic therapies she offers, people are encouraged to look within, for empowerment and guidance. This is also true for the newly created sculpture and meditation path on their farm; created in the ancient tradition of spiritual art, giving thanks to creation, in and around us.

"An exciting, fantastic book! It will keep you on the edge of your seat until you're done!"

- Alex Peters, 11 years, Saskatchewan, Canada

The New York art magazine Gallery & Studio writes "Epp's emotionally charged oils and acrylics, with their vibrant colors, rugged paint handling, and bold forms, are at once refreshingly direct and aesthetically knowing in a way that calls painters like Georgia O'Keeffe and Marsden Hartley, as well as Rockwell Kent (best known for his pen and ink illustrations for Moby Dick and other classics but actually one of our most magnificent nature painters)."



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# Questions & ANSWERS



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**Q: Why did you write this book?**

A: Some years ago, I painted a series, called 'The Magical Horses'. While painting, I realized that each of my paintings had a story to tell, and it would be nice to draw that out. The story was finally put all together in my mind while driving the tractor and making hay bales!

**Q: So what is the book all about?**

A: The story is an adventure featuring a young boy named Kiran. He has a crisis occur in his life and just when he feels no hope, he is given a magical notebook by his grandfather that takes him to a fantasy world featuring two little mice. The story is the first in a trilogy, and it's about finding answers and strength in every aspect of living life. This is the first book in a trilogy.

**Q: You said the notebook is magic, how so?**

A: The notebook has writing that magically appears when Kiran opens it. He has no control over the story so he is inevitably drawn into the pages as a coping mechanism as he deals with the real world. The main characters of the book are two little twin mice, Leo and Poldy, who get sent out on a journey to find out more about the Magical Horses, why they disappeared and what they can do to bring them back. The Magical Horses once brought peace and happiness all over the world, but then mysteriously disappeared.

**Q: You have a theme of food throughout the story, where does that come from?**

A: Yes, I love food, and I love to prepare and eat it, so naturally it had to have a role in the book. If you notice, I have added recipes at the end of the book that both people and mice could eat. Part of a journey to a healthy life is not forgetting about healthy, wholesome food. It also ties into what I teach as a Holistic Therapist.

**Q: What are you hoping readers will take away from this book?**

A: I hope they will take away many ideas and concepts that will give them confidence and wisdom. For children, I am hoping that they recognize that one is never too small to achieve big things, and that everyone is important and connected to one another. I hope they will be entertained by the characters and the excited to pick up the sequel.

**Q: Can you give us a hint about the second book?**

A: Of course. At the end of the first book, the mice received a clear message of what they had to do to spread the message of the book, and that required the use of paper. This book covers the story about the mice and their journey to the city. Along the way, the readers will share in the excitement of meeting new characters, situations, and of course food! Meanwhile Kiran's dad will be coming home soon and his life will change yet again. Kiran and his grandpa craft a new book together to help the story to continue. The sequel culminates when the mice reach the big city ...then of course, that will lead to the third part of this trilogy!



*The Magical Horses*  
A Journey of Adventure, Mystery & Hope

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# What readers ARE SAYING



"The whimsical and profound tale of Leo and Poldy, two charming mice whose sense of adventure and hope for a better tomorrow make this book a rewarding experience for both young and old. Their's is a soul-satisfying journey of triumph over adversity and upliftment of humanity. Beate Epp has created a classic in children's literature that will be treasured for generations to come." – Michael Teal, Ontario, Canada

"... a vivid story weaved with threads of wisdom and truths that make life purposeful and enriching." – Aime McCrory, The Business Muse/Golden Dawn LLC., CA, USA

"... the story will help children to see that miracles do happen even if life seems to be turned upside down. The Magical Horses is a true delight." – Donna Lord Winter, Sounds True, Colorado

"... a splendid publication with a message we all need to hear!" – Candace Savage, Author, 'Curious by Nature', Greystonebooks, Canada

"... a wonderful tale with great fantasy – (the) ideas are just plain magical! This book belongs into every child's room!" – Andrea Umlauf, Schwaikheim, Germany

"My daughter is 7 years old and just loves it! I had to tell her the story again and again..." – Ilona Hofmann, Glashuetten, Germany

"Beate Epp leaves us longing for all the purity and grace that once was and is yet to come. Expand your heart and cheer the oncoming Magical Horses! You may find they live with you still..." – Suzanne Claire Olaski, Saskatchewan, Canada



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"Definitely a story of our times – and our future times, yet-to-come." – Geoffrey Keyte, South Wales, UK

"The Magical Horses takes us on a quest into a world where long-forgotten secrets awaken the essence of our true being. A childhood adventure, reminding us of the vibrant celebration of life." – Jeannette Lussier, Artist/Poet, Saskatchewan, Canada

"The Magical Horses is wonderful and what a beautiful message it sends." – Marian Hagan, Alberta, Canada



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