

Book Synopsis & Theme

Overview

The book is a fantasy novel aimed at pre-teens & young adults. Core themes are an emphasis on the courage of true inner-strength that comes from believing in your own voice, the joy of compassion for others, and the gift of true friendship.

Habitan I: The Parallel Place is the first book in a multi-book fantasy series which spans the passage from teenage to adulthood for three youths, their family and friends in a race against time, magic, and the age-old battle of dark vs light.

Story Synopsis

Melissa, Michael and Annabelle were each separated from their parents as infants. The story begins where they live together in an orphanage in northern Canada (circa 1600's). Discovering a strange kinship, they have become true friends and support one another. But why do they feel they are meant to be somewhere else? Is this where they truly belong?

Then a magical event occurs, transporting them to another land called Habitan. Here, sorcery, magic, and powers of the mind abound. Animals talk, and the spirit of the woods is alive. While in Habitan, the children join forces with three animal guides, encounter a wicked sorcerous named 'Oskana', and embark on an adventure to discover their true heritage and destiny.

Can they develop their innate powers and magical gifts soon enough to protect themselves and to help the *Good* of Habitan? Will they be reunited with their parents again? Who can they really trust? How can they save Habitan from the tyranny of Oskana's rule? Finally, how do the events of Habitan affect *The Parallel Place*; the 'earth' they grew up on?

Come journey with our three young adventures as they escape to a magical place, where anything and everything is possible if you believe and strive hard enough. Journey along with them as they face difficult choices and learn more about their true selves, while discovering what motivates people to do good or bad. Cheer them on as they begin the path to finding their own inner strength, and learn how to face unbearable odds with determination and courage, standing up for what is right despite the possible personal costs.

Author's Perspective

This book was original written because my daughter asked me for it. She enjoys imagined, magical worlds and she and her brother have listened to the short bedtime stories that I made up for them for years, and now she wanted a longer one.

I believe that stories are wonderful opportunities to not just provide a thrilling escape, but also to teach and reinforce our values, and to encourage the power of the imagination.

Now that the first book in the Habitan Series is completed, it is my hope that other readers of the story will also enjoy the escape to the magical land of Habitan. I hope the tale, its characters and plot twists will entertain and surprise readers until the very end, just as it did for my children. Perhaps, it will also provoke the readers' own imaginations, and they will relate to some of the positive messages within the story. In particular, the messages around the value and courage of true inner-strength; the strength that comes from believing in your own voice, and in standing up for your values and beliefs.