

The Nameless Girl and the Lost Prince

Synopsis

Guided by a dream, the girl with no name embarks on a quest to find the lost prince trapped in an enchanted spell. The girl believes he is the only one who can help kill the dragon that ruined her family.

Aided by a magical karate headband and other items she finds along the way; her first challenge is to recapture the prince's powerful sword hidden in the dragon's lair.

Written in fairy tale form, this epic story will open a line of communication in children about grief, resilience, and the importance of community.

Illustrated entirely by Tania and Max's loved ones, it also shows the strength of a family able to endure the unimaginable and come together with love, forgiveness and healing.

How this story came to be...

After my 5-year-old nephew Max's father died, I wanted to find a way to help him grieve and heal. Max's desire to hear a story and knowing they can speak powerfully to children began our journey together.

Our story came from an image I had of a prince receiving a kiss (like Sleeping Beauty) that brought him back to life. One afternoon, while Max and I were playing at the lake, the story about the sleeping prince grew.

The words kept flowing and, when I got stuck, Max would tell me what happened next. Max named all the characters, came up with the girl who could do karate and set the final scene.

The ending took an unexpected turn and both Max and I were amazed! I remember him looking at me and saying, "That was magic Auntie Tania!"

Since that day, a whole community of helpers, illustrators and editors has assisted in bringing our story to the page.

Max and I are grateful for our community of support and excited to finally share this magical story with others.

Blessings,

Tania and Max

Discussion questions

Feel free to discuss, draw and/or write a response:

Who would you want to speak with in a magic mirror? What would they say to you? What would you say to them?

If you were one of the townspeople fighting the dragon, and had the power to go back in time to change one thing, what would it be?

How do you think the King got cursed?

Did you hear echoes from stories of the past? If so, which stories?

Have you ever felt like a nameless person?

What does the phrase: "You are the light within your name" mean to you?

Do you have any dragons in your life? How do they help or hurt you? Can you think of ways to tame them?

Have you ever experienced something bad that transformed into something good? Describe what happened.

