

KEEPER OF THE CRYSTALS

Eve and the Runaway Unicorn

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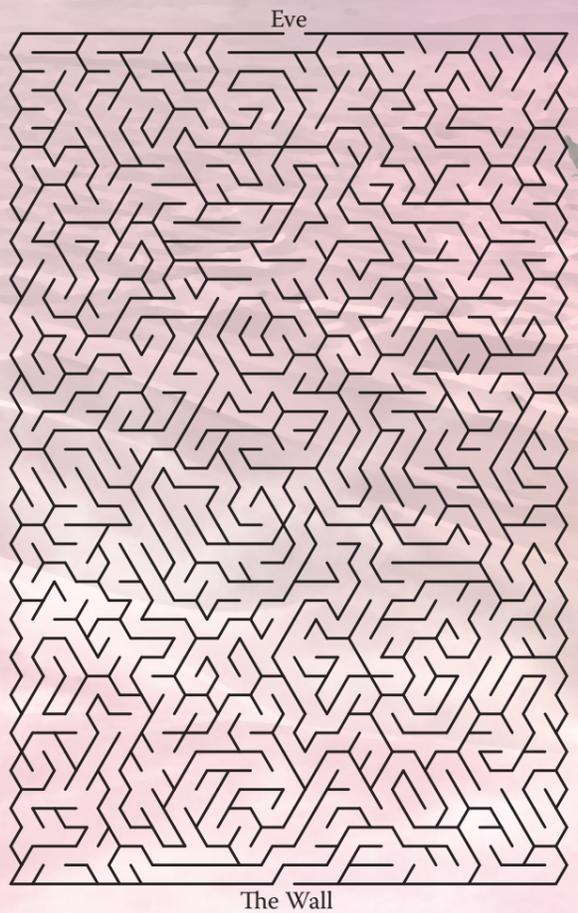


- In *Eve and the Runaway Unicorn*, Eve feels abandoned by her own mother and father but finds a sense of community with Callie's family and her village.
- * What does community mean to you?
- * Write a piece about your own community and how they can be like an extended family.
- Eve and Oscar have a fiery relationship. Over the course of the story they grow to trust and understand each other better. By the end of the book they are friends.
- Have students draw up a character chart and illustrate the similarities and differences between Eve and Oscar.
- At the end of the book we are led to believe that Eve's Gran knows more about the power of the crystal than she lets on. * Discuss how the portrayal of Gran changes from the beginning of the story to the end. Are your assumptions about old people challenged?
- Study the cover of Eve and the Runaway Unicorn. What does the cover tell us about the narrative contained inside? * Design a new cover for the book and prepare a pitch for why it is a better cover.
- Before we could use writing, stories were drawn in order to preserve them.
- * Have students create a pictography of the narrative for Eve and the Runaway Unicorn.
- There are several points in the story when both Eve and

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- Oscar's resilience is tested both physically and mentally.
- * Find examples in the story of when characters are tested physically and mentally.
- * Choose an example from your own life when you have been tested both physically and emotionally.
- Unicorns are a mythical animal said to represent purity and power. The unicorn is a central character in the book but only appears fleetingly at the start of the story and then towards the end of the book.
- * Why do you think the writer did this?
- * What does the unicorn represent in the story?
- If you were to write the next book in the Keeper of the Crystals series, what would the story be about?
- * Draw a map representing the world of Panthor, include the Borderlands, Lakes of Trapor, the wall and the tower.
- * Which characters are in conflict in the book?
- * How do Oscar and Eve resolve their differences?
- * List four ways to effectively resolve conflict.
- Trapor was once a world of lush vegetation. Once the king controlled the water supply, he controlled the people and the animals.
- * Do you think we take fresh water for granted?
- * Research how nomadic populations live in deserts with limited access to water.

Help Eve cross the desert of Panthor



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THE STORY

Eve is staying with her grandmother and her only choice in playmate is Oscar, the boy from next door. The lure of the forbidden attic in her Nan's house proves too much for Eve and Oscar and they sneak upstairs to explore. When Eve finds a small crystal figurine of a unicorn it acts as a portal into another world. Eve and Oscar find themselves in the desert of Panthor where unicorns are now enslaved, land turned to desert and people forced to become desert nomads. How can Eve and Oscar survive in a land where panthers and people communicate and where an evil king has complete control of every living being? More importantly, how will they ever get home again?

Riddles

In the book Eve and Oscar have to solve a riddle in the form of a prophecy. Can you solve the following three riddles?

*One where none should be,
or maybe where two should be,
seeking out purity,
in the king's trees.
What am I?*

What do unicorns have that no other creature has?

Eve came across a panther and a unicorn in a forest of forgetfulness. Those two are strange beings. The panther lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the other days he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, however the other days of the week he speaks the truth.

*Panther: Yesterday I was lying.
Unicorn: So was I.
On which day did they say that?*

How to fold your Keeper of the Crystals activities booklet

1. Fold this sheet into 8 sections
2. Fold it in half vertically and cut from the fold to the crease, as shown.
3. Open it out again, then fold it in half horizontally.
4. Push the ends inwards to form a diamond shape.
5. Push the ends together and flatten into pages, fold the pages around to form a book.

Unscamble the Words

1. CRUNONI _____
2. SROAC _____
3. HAPTORN _____
4. AROPRT _____
5. DNESARBLDOR _____
6. DANOSM _____
7. SRDETE _____
8. EHAHCET _____
9. SYATCLSR _____
10. HTNEPAR _____
11. BDII _____
12. WORET _____
13. LICLEA _____
14. RSWOC _____
15. OHURTEESE _____
16. EGLUNJ _____