

## THE TALE OF RUSTY HORSE - BOOK INFORMATION

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**Bronze Medallist – IPPY Awards 2008 (1st Singaporean to win at the world's largest independent publisher book awards in its 12 years running)**

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### I. BOOK SYNOPSIS

The tale of Rusty Horse, my second picture book, is a heart-warming tale of love and self-discovery. Rusty Horse, an old forgotten rocking horse, longs to be a favourite with everyone. This wish takes him on an unexpected journey where he discovers that real magic lies within true friendship.

The inspiration for this book is drawn from my own experiences of coming to terms with a rare voice disorder (Spasmodic Dysphonia). Through my journey of discovery, I learned that being at peace with oneself is worth more than the acceptance I had sought for sounding different.

### II TARGET AUDIENCE

The picture book is written for children from four years old and up, and also for younger children whose parents and guardians are reading with them. It has many themes which can appeal at several levels – finding real magic in true friendship, being at peace with oneself, believing in self instead of valuing one's worth on what others think.

### III. AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

My first picture book, Prince Bear & Pauper Bear has been honoured as one of the year's best independently published children's picture books by the 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards ("IPPY Awards") – the world's largest independent publisher book awards. It receives the Bronze Medal in the Children's Picture Book category and is the first book from Singapore to win this prestigious IPPY award (in its 12 years running). I am also the first Singaporean signed on by the elite Andrea Brown Literary Agency, who represents me on all children's books.

I wrote and published Prince Bear & Pauper Bear as a winner of Singapore's First Time Writers and Illustrators Publishing Initiative in end 2007 (organised by the Media Development Authority and the Book Council).

My "Mustard Seed Books" publishing label sums up my writing aspirations as captured in Matthew 13:32 of the bible: "Though it (mustard seed) is the smallest of the all seeds, yet when it grows, it becomes the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

I am continuing my sabbatical to pursue my writing interests and to consider opportunities available to me in the publishing industry. Prior to this, I was working at Raffles Holdings for 10 years, doing hotel development work. I left the company at the end of 2005 in the capacity of Corporate Director, Business Development.