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A girl with a dragon best friend, in a magic bathtub with a special necklace helps the kingdom that lives on the back of a giant sea turtle by believing in herself. Who ever heard of a girl hatched from a sapphire blue egg? Magelica doesn't know who she is or where she came from, but when she's transported to the Isle of Dreams in a flying bathtub, she launches into an adventure of discovery. Come fly with her and discover for yourself, the power of imagination, believing in yourself and love! An inspiring tale to empower your child to live out their dreams.

Magelica's Voyage Details

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Lynda Dickson says

Magelica has been raised by Gri and is unaware of her heritage. Twelve years ago, she was hatched from a sapphire-colored egg and has wings like her pet dragon Tris. In fact her name is derived from the words "magic" and "angelic". Magelica invokes the help of her Guardian Angel when she's in trouble, and this becomes a recurring theme throughout the series. One night, Magelica learns that she is the only one who can help someone else out of trouble. Odin the warblegrif uses Magelica's magic feather necklace to find her, and together they travel to the Isle of Dreams in her bathtub! There she meets Queen Raya, Wally the Wizard, and the Turtle who carries of the Isle of Dreams on his back. As a reward for Magelica's help, the Queen agrees to help her find out who she really is. This, too, will become a major story thread in the series.

After the story, the author explores some of the major themes in the book. She encourages the reader to "use your imagination and believe" and to "open your heart and trust in love" because, as Magelica herself discovers, if you truly believe in something, you can make it happen.

This book is a promising start to a new series for 5 to 10 year-olds, and - with a strong female lead like Magelica - it will appeal especially to girls.

I received this book in return for an honest review.

Full blog post: <http://booksdirectonline.blogspot.com...>

Crystal McClean says

It's the first of the Magelica trilogy and sets the background of how Magelica didn't know about her past, only that she was being raised by Gri. The legend was that she hatched from sapphire egg, along with a silver feather that she kept around her neck. She had a cute little dragon pet, Tris, who joined her on her adventures.

One night Magelica was visited by Odin and taken on a magical journey to another land. Their transport was nothing other than her bathtub that turned into a golden galleon. This faraway land was the Isle of Dreams, on the back of Turtle, who was sad. When Turtle was sad, he didn't move, and that put the Isle of Dreams into jeopardy.

Magelica managed to help Turtle with his troubles, and returned to her own land, wondering if it was only a dream....but it had been real.

Escape to another land where adventure awaits! This is a well-written book that the whole family enjoyed. Let love and happiness take on the dark side and teach us that a true heart will prevail.

The illustrations are done in pastels and jewel tones with simple lines. You can read the characters' emotions in their big eyes, and movement is shown as their hair flows behind them while on the golden galleon. The inhabitants on The Isle of Dreams are multicultural which is fantastic to see, as we need more diversity in

books.

We received this book in exchange for our honest opinion.

Raising says

Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book set from the author, through a Book Blitz run by Mother Daughter & Son Book Reviews in exchange for an honest review.

Magelica's Voyage is a magical children's story about believing in yourself and having faith. Magelica is a fairy hatched from a sapphire-colored egg, but who has never met her parents. She is watched over by a Guardian Angel named Gri. After a scary storm, she arrives safely home but is then whisked away to a magical land with two suns. She is asked for help by a wizard and a creature to help save a turtle and their land to help find a prince. She gets to meet a queen and starts to understand who she is, just by being herself.

The illustrations in this book are incredible and I would not be surprised if this gets turned into a children's movie. The creatures and characters are lovable, especially Magelica and her dragon, Tris. The story is one of adventure and courage, and my sons did not want me to put this book down!

I think that this book is for both boys and girls. The boys will enjoy the magic and adventure, and the girls can relate to Magelica in knowing that they can believe in themselves. This is a wonderfully positive message for any child, and the author does a great job of sharing this.

Many of us can relate to battling storms in life and struggling to know who we are and what we are capable of. This book gets right down to a child's level of understanding and shows that it takes work (effort), but also belief, faith, and love to make anything possible. It is a beautiful message for today in a world full of hurt.

Magelica has a special feather necklace in the story, one in which she keeps and the other she gives to someone she cares about. I like that there is a Magelica store, where you can actually buy not only the book but also a feather necklace set and also other fun items mentioned in the story. You can also download free coloring pages and a free sticker book with the characters from the story. I don't have daughters, but I have nieces who I know would absolutely love these items!

Magelica's Voyage is an amazing story and I will be posting a review soon for the sequel, The Rescue. I would recommend this book to anyone who has a child who has imagination. It is a fun fairy tale story of mystical creatures where suspension of disbelief takes over, and it is just an enjoyable story to be read over and over again! Which is exactly what my sons and I did :)

Thank you to Mother Daughter & Son Book Reviews and to the author, Louise Courey Nadeau for including me in this Book Blitz. A special thank you to the author for the note enclosed. My sons that thought that was so cool to have a handwritten note from an author!

This review originally appeared on my blog on October 12, 2015 at: <http://raisingsamuels.blogspot.com/2015/10/magelicas-voyage.html>

Lacey says

My 5 year old daughters review: I really liked the book. I liked the pictures because they were pretty and took me on an adventure. I loved when she met Queen Raya and got the necklace with the silver feathers. I liked the necklace because it was magic and could take her back to the Isle of the Dreams.

My review: The illustrations in the book were very colorful and as my daughter said, "took me on an adventure." The colors are vivid and add to the story. Magelica, who was hatched from an egg and raised by her adoptive mom Gri, had always wondered where she actually came from and who her parents were. One night a loveable, fuzzy creature named Odin shows up and takes her on an urgent journey to the Isle of Dreams to help Queen Raya. The Isle of Dreams happens to be a village on the back of a huge turtle which has stopped swimming in the sea and Magelica has been brought to help the turtle. The story was simple enough for my 5 year old understand but creative enough to be a fun journey as I read it to her. The characters were likeable and full of fantasy and magic, a few times I did wish their was a little more description to the environment or what Magelica was thinking about, but overall I would recommend the book for a young child. It is a simple and engaging chapter book that children would thoroughly enjoy. I think the only thing that I wish was changed, and this is totally just me knowing how I feel in my bathrobe, is that Magelica is in her bathrobe through the whole book and as you'll find out also in the second book. My daughter also noticed this as she loves looking at the way the characters dress. Surely she had time for a wardrobe change?

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Christine says

Both books are so amazing with rich and vibrant illustrations. Believing in yourself is a deep theme in both of these stories, which of course I love. Isabella devoured both of these books. In The first book "Magelica's Voyage" it starts right off teaching the message of having faith. Magelica has to conquer fears in order to help the Turtle and the Isle of Dreams which rests on his back. Magelica learns to conquer fear and doubt and believe in herself. Our favorite part of this book is when Magelica sang the cradle song to Turtle, it was such a magical moment. We also love how Queen Raya and Magelica's relationship was so strong it was the perfect bond to set up the second story. Magelica's Voyage The Rescue was even better than Magelica's Voyage, Magelica has a dream bout the Prince who is Queen Raya's son who was missing the first story. Magelica makes a trip back to the Isle of Dreams to help save the Prince. In this book Magelica learns about staying positive, believing in herself and having faith. I love how the end of this story sets up another exciting adventure. We cannot wait to learn about Magelica's family and where she came from. It sounds so exciting. We can't wait for the next book. These are amazing books with such strong and important messages. We also love that there were things to think about in the end to teach us how to practice these lessons in our own lives. We highly recommend these books, they are fun, entertaining, thoughtful and most of all informative of important lessons that are usually ignored.

C.L. Murphy says

The author has created fanciful characters and a tale that will charm young readers. Magelica's caring spirit shines through as she and her pet dragon discover and help the Isle of Dreams' kingdom. Her feather

necklace possesses positive energy and finding-magic and keeps her connected to a special person in her life. The inspiring messages of believing in yourself and living each day with an open heart are shared. Stunning illustrations will delight on every page and will capture non-readers and reluctant readers alike.

Rosie says

Curious about her parentage, and where she'd come from, twelve year old Magelica runs to the cottage from the forest, in order to seek shelter from a sudden storm. At home, Magelica's carer, Gri, runs for her a warm bath, while retelling the story of how she'd hatched from an egg, atop a silver feather in a large nest. Soaking in the bath, and deep in thought, Magelica is startled when Odin – a purple warblegrif – flies in the window, urgently seeking her help. They set off to see Queen Raya in the Isle of Dreams, as a matter of urgency. Situated atop a giant turtle, the Isle of Dreams is at a loss, as Turtle is sad and will not move. Magelica knows exactly what Turtle needs, and with her amazing gift of imagination, a solution is found and Magelica is soon on her way back home, having learned that love is the strongest power of them all.

Fairies, warblegrifs and dragons... oh my! Filled with love, cheer and a massive dose of imagination, Magelica's Voyage is a wonderfully illustrated children's book which will turn any frown upside-down. Louise Courey Nadeau's tale of a young girl, desperately trying to trace her roots, but finding an incredible adventure instead, took me back to the days of my youth, when books of fantasy were innocent, with no blood shed. Every illustration was as colorful as the story was magical. What I enjoyed the most about Magelica's Voyage is that it teaches the art of distraction, when one becomes consumed with sad thoughts. Although Magelica was unable to solve her own dilemma, her unique talents and abilities enabled her to help other people, not only giving them cause to smile, but also lifting Magelica's own spirits. I enjoyed each beautifully illustrated page, and recommend Magelica's Voyage to readers aged 5-12, showing them that there is always hope, when difficulty befalls you, and to never give up.

- Rosie Malezer for Readers' Favorite

Betsy says

I am grateful to have received a copy of Magelica's Voyage from Louise Courey Nadeau, in conjunction with a Mother Daughter Book Reviews' giveaway. I also appreciate the author sending a copy of the second book in this series (Magelica's Voyage The Rescue), a replica of Magelica's feather necklace, and a bookmark.

Twelve years have passed since Gatherers discovered Magelica hatching from a sapphire blue egg. The Gatherers named the baby for the magic of her birth, combined with the angelic look of her face and lovely wings. Gri, who is raising Magelica, crafted the silver feather found beneath Magelica at birth into a necklace.

Our story begins with Magelica pondering who her parents might be, when a mighty storm arises interrupting her thoughts and driving her homeward. Magelica's request to her Guardian Angel for help is answered, for which she offers thanks.

Faith, hope, love, trust, friendship, imagination and magic intertwine in this endearing adventure/fantasy story. I especially enjoyed the newly minted creatures; and, I totally adore Turtle, who carries the Isle of

Dreams upon his back!

The Illustrations are delightfully executed; and, a visit to www.magelica.com will also pleasure your senses! Girls up to the age of 11 or 12 appear to be the target audience.

Our three Granddaughters will surely enjoy reading this books, as have I!

Claudia {SparrowHawk} says

Magelica's Voyage is a brilliantly written series that is presented with such raw vulnerability and sincerity. It's a story that promotes perseverance, humility, loyalty, compassion, closeness, friendship, kindness and love. Moreover, Magelica's character arc is one that is sure to connect with the hearts of little girls and encourage all those who venture along in her journey of discovery to rediscover their own virtue, beauty, and truths. Needless to say, it will provoke all those who read this book to live with the notion that love truly does changes everything.

With real inspiring themes, *Magelica's Voyage* is a series that is well worth reading and sharing with every little girl - highly recommended!

My Daughter's Review

WHAT DID YOU LIKE?

- I really liked Magelica's name. Her name stands for magic because she was born in a magical egg and angelic because she looks like an angel with her wings.
- I really liked how Magelica was curious about who her mom and dad were and where she comes from. This made me want to read the book more and know more about her.
- I love the drawings in the book, they are very beautiful. Whoever drew them is very talented.
- I like how the book says that we need to believe in love and trust that love will bring us happiness.
- My favorite character is Tris, who is Magelica's pet dragon, he is so cute!
- I like that the prince is very funny and he keeps his head up when things go bad.

WHAT DID YOU NOT LIKE?

- Nothing! I liked the book so much I want to read it again and again

YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE:

Everything you are, feel, and do must come for your heart if you are to be truly you.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND IT?

Oh yes! I recommend it because it will make you realize how important your family and friends are and how important it is to love and be kind. It will also make you feel brave.

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Fiona Ingram says

Magelica's Voyage by Louise Courey Nadeau is an enchanting magical fantasy for young readers aged 5-10. Magelica has no knowledge of her parents or where she came from, but the story is that she hatched out of a sapphire coloured egg. Magelica, with her pet dragon Tris, must run home to her Guardian Angel Gri's cottage when a violent storm breaks. In her headlong rush through the forest, she loses her precious feather necklace. Odin, a strange looking creature called a warblegrif (which looks like a large fuzzy ball!), has found her necklace and come to return it to Magelica. However, he has a special request: Queen Raya, Empress of the Isle of Dreams, desperately needs Magelica's help! The Isle of Dreams is located on an ancient Turtle's back, but disaster has struck – the Turtle is not moving and if the Turtle doesn't move, Queen Raya will not be able to find the missing Prince Will. Odin whisks Magelica and Tris off to the land with two suns, travelling in Magelica's old bathtub. Can Magelica help Turtle?

What a beautiful story with utterly enchanting and magical illustrations in glowing colours to keep young readers totally captivated. Each moment of the story is depicted in the most imaginative way. The characters Magelica meets are equally fascinating, from mournful Turtle, to the adorable baby dragon Tris (who hasn't quite mastered the art of flying) to the eccentric but skilled wizard Wally, to the dignified Queen Raya. Magelica discovers that through believing in herself and using her imagination amazing things are possible. There are songs and magical moments to draw young readers into Magelica's adventure, and wonderful empowering messages woven subtly into the dialogue. Young readers will learn through Magelica's experiences to believe in themselves and their dreams, to use their imaginations, and how to live each day with love. I really enjoyed the little guidance section at the end where young readers are shown how to use their imaginations and open their hearts. This is an excellent way for adults such as parents, grandparents, teachers and caregivers to open up a discussion with kids to explore these ideas further. Also available in French and Spanish, this is a 5 star must-have for personal and school libraries!

Charlie says

The chapters are extraordinarily short - a couple pages (with full illustrations) at most. This is structured perfectly for a beginning independent reader getting ready for chapter books.

Magelica is a beautiful character, in illustration and heart. She wonders about her origins, and as always, Gri is open to telling the tale of how she was found in her sapphire egg by the Gatherers twelve years before. She wears a feather necklace, made out of a feather that she was found with.

One night while taking her bath, Magelica and Tris are whisked away in the flying tub. The magical feather is the key to Odin finding Magelica. He whisks her off on an adventure to save the Isle of Dreams, and Magelica learns it is the magic of fairies and that she must get Turtle moving to find the prince.

Magelica is kind and sensitive to Turtle's feelings, and learns a wonderful lesson of what she needs to do to make of herself. She knows she will once again return to the Isle of Dreams.

I loved Magelica's character. She is open and kind and sweet. Even when upended, she makes the best of the situation.

The illustrations are superb and flow with the story well. I particularly like the character forms of Magelica, Tris and Odin. Magelica's illustration reminds me of a younger Odette from The Swan Princess.

This is the beginning of a beautiful coming-of-age story. Magelica discovers that wonderful things can happen when she uses her imagination, believes, opens her heart and trusts in love.

Renee says

Magelica's Voyage is an enchanting tale of a mysterious girl born out of sapphire-coloured egg, who goes on a magical journey as far as her imagination can soar. Magelica, along with her trusty sidekick, Tris the dragon, are magically transported to the Isle of Dreams escorted by a Warblegrif named Odin where Magelica meets Wally the Wizard, the giant turtle who carries the Isle of Dreams on his back, and the lovely Queen Raya who is searching for her lost son. Magelica touches each of these characters as she learns the importance of trust, gratitude, and love.

I couldn't help feeling like I was living a dream as I was reading Magelica's Voyage. This book is considered an early chapter book and the story rolls along smoothly, with scenes shifting quickly as Magelica is swept into a magical journey. The story is filled with fantastical creatures and fairy tale characters such as a dragon, a wizard, a large talking turtle, and a warblegrif (i.e., a puffy, purple creature). These all contribute to the dream-like quality of the story and will be sure to delight young children.

According to the back of the book, "Magelica was created to inspire young girls around the world to believe in themselves and to believe in the power of love and the magic of life." This message is clearly stated by the Queen in response to Magelica's yearning to know who she is, who her parents are, and where she comes from:

"You are who you make of yourself. This is true of us all...Live each day with an open heart...Believe in love and trust that you will find the answers you seek."

As an added bonus in the back of the book, the author provides tips for how to nurture one's imagination and provides a short interpretation guide to accompany the story. Very well done ~ the story has a deep and important underlying message about love and trust.

I love how this early chapter book includes full colour illustrations on every page spread. Most early chapter books I've run across have a few pencil drawings scattered throughout the book, but Magelica's Voyage is almost a hybrid of a picture book and a chapter book. Although the illustrations appear to be computer-generated (which I'm not normally a huge fan of), this is a beautiful book to hold in your hands and read. As children become independent readers and the word density increases, I think there is still great value in including illustrations. My 11 year old daughter still asks to look at pictures if I am reading aloud to her and

her brother.

My Bottom Line: Magelica's Voyage is an enchanting early chapter book which has a dream-like quality. The first book, in what I hope will be a series, introduces the title character as she learns to use a magical feather to travel as far as her imagination will take her. This book has an important underlying message about trust, love, and using your imagination to make the most of your life. I would recommend this book to young girls aged 5 to 10 as a story to empower them and to help them believe in themselves. I hope to see more stories from this author about Magelica and her travels.

** I received this book free-of-charge from the author in exchange for my honest opinion.*

Tonja Drecker says

When my youngest caught sight of this book, she immediately started begging for me to read it to her. So big plus on the covers because they grabbed her attention--exactly what a cover should do.

Magelica was all my daughter hoped her to be--sweet, kind and a little magical. The story begins with Magelica wondering who she really is and contemplating with the cutest little dragon on her side. Especially the idea that she came from an egg was fascinating and definitely had my daughter as curious of Magelica's origins as Magelica was.

It doesn't take long for Magelica's journey to begin, and the idea of using a bathtub to fly off in is fantastic. Magelica's travels and adventures happen with such fantastical ease that it's simply a joy to be on her side. But the other characters make it as fun as she does. A talking puff-ball and her best friend, a small dragon, are the perfect companions and had my daughter smiling the whole way through.

The chapters are kept pretty short, giving Mom's (and other readers) a chance to take a breath. . .but not a long one. At times, I found the writing a bit jumpy, but this didn't bother my daughter in the least. She had no trouble understanding what was going on and wasn't pleased when I took a break half-way through (it was a school night and past her bedtime).

I especially enjoyed the illustrations and found they fit Magelica and the mood perfectly.

Summed up, this is a wonderful book for early readers, especially girls who love fairies, magic and dream of far away, fantastical lands they might someday fly to on their own.

I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

Shelle Perry says

My thanks to Mother Daughter Book Reviews and Louise Courey Nadeau for my free copy of Magelica's Voyage in exchange for a fair and honest review

Transported, is the word that comes to mind after reading this book. Magelica is a small girl who hatched from a sapphire egg and like most kids, even those who aren't so obviously special, she just wants to know

who she is and where she came from.

One night she is given the chance to learn a little more about herself when she is called on to help a magical city. She doesn't know what she can do when others who seem more qualified have failed, but she is willing to try. The only direction she receives is to be herself. This is a wonderful lesson for children to learn at a young age. Pressure to conform and follow the crowd begins very young these days. This is not necessarily a bad thing. Often, though, it can keep the individual from having the confidence to shine on their own strengths. Magelica provides a wonderful conversation starter on the importance of being who you are and believing in yourself.

That is simply one of the wonderful lessons threaded through this story. Magelica may be an orphan, but Gri her caretaker along with her best friend, and pet dragon, Tris show her that family is not always who you are born to, they are the ones who love you. Also, at one point in the story Magelica is asked to do something that she has been trying to accomplish for sometime. She imagines herself doing it and it happens for her. I love this. So often our first instinct is to say "I can't" to something hard or unknown. Children have an amazing capacity to do something simply because they don't know it can't be done and encouraging them to tap into that power will give them a step up as they grow up and find more and more often that there are things that seem impossible.

The final page of the story is a conversation between the author and the children who will read this book. I believe it is a terrific way to enforce the lessons they can take away from it. This is a fun fantasy story that any child would delighted to read.

I recommend this book to children age 5 and up. Younger children will enjoy having it read to them. The enchanting illustrations will keep children (and adults) of all ages thoroughly engaged.

Jeff Botch says

Magelica's Voyage by Louise Courey is a lovely and enchanting story of a young girl who uses her imagination to take her on the adventure of her life.

Courey begins by introducing Magelica who is reflecting upon her past. Magelica doesn't know who her mother is and is confused with where she came from.

The author writes, "Who did she look like - her mother? Her father? She'd never met either. Certainly she didn't look like any other living creature she knew!"

Magelica does know that she was raised by Gri who is a sense of support throughout the story. Tris is her pet dragon and it's obvious that she loves him and thinks of him as a close friend.

One of my favorite parts is when the author writes, "Come on, Tris" Magelica called over the noise of the storm, "You can do it!"

It's so important to be faithful and show encouragement to your friends and I absolutely love how Magelica is portrayed as a beautiful person that treats others with such respect.

Another one of my favorite parts is when Courey writes, "Still, Magelica didn't give up. She imagined her

wings catching the air and lifting her up and kept trying. She pictured herself in the sky, soaring. Believe, believe, she chanted silently - and all of a sudden, Magelica got it!

Magelica's Voyage is truly a special story that will teach kids that it's important to believe in yourself and others. In addition, the power of your imagination is vital to your own success along with trusting that you have a purpose in life that only you can mold.

Further, this book is beautifully illustrated and gives the young reader a really nice idea of what the main character is going through during her adventure. I also love the "Make Your Life Magical" section in the back of the book that gives kids an opportunity to summarize and practice some of the things that Magelica did.
