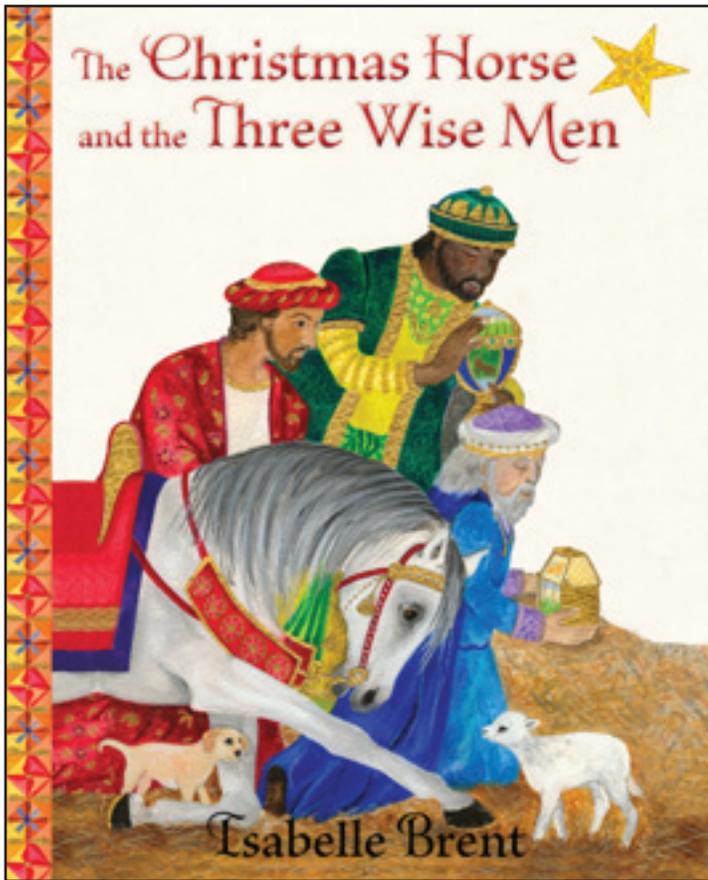


The Christmas Horse and the Three Wise Men

by Isabelle Brent



The Christmas horse is on a journey to meet baby Jesus! Join him and his animal friends with the Three Wise Men as they cross snow-capped mountains, swift rivers, and hot deserts to reach the peaceful stable in Bethlehem where baby Jesus lies in a manger. Enjoy the beautiful scenery as captured by Isabelle Brent's stunning illustrations and experience the wonder as the pure-hearted animals and the Three Wise Men finally meet their savior and king.

This Book Features

- ✦ Verses from the Gospel, which help to tell the story
- ✦ An Historical Note on the Three Wise Men
- ✦ Illustrations by award-winning artist, Isabelle Brent

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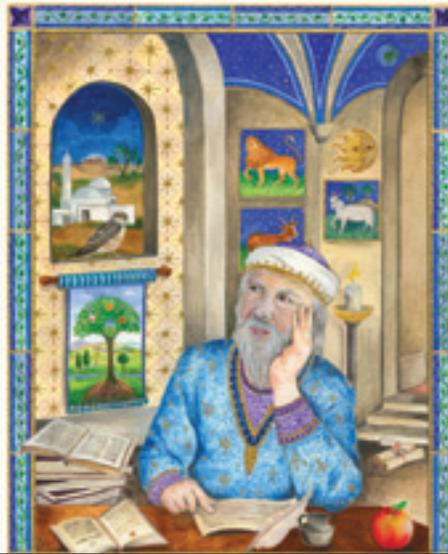
Selections from the Book

"Now when Jesus was born . . . behold, there came wise men from the east" (Matthew 2:1).



My master is Melchior. He is a wise man. I, Safarad, am his favorite horse.

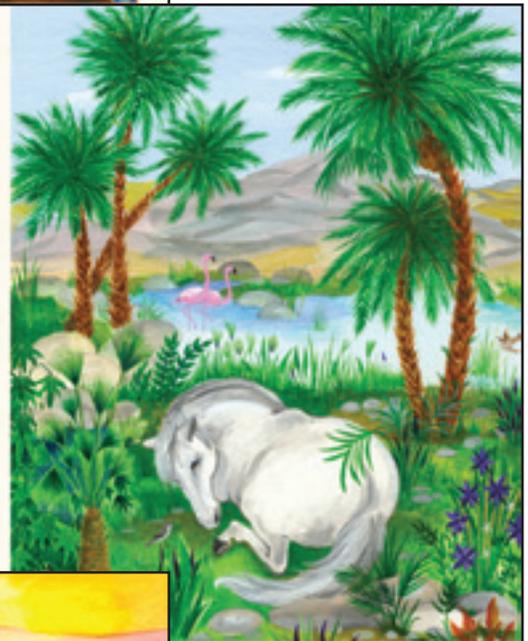
Many years ago a magnificent star appeared in the sky. It shone with dazzling brilliance. Melchior was puzzled by this. He sent messengers to his friends Caspar and Balthazar, asking them to come. They too were wise men of the east. I was excited to meet Caspar's camel, Gamal, and Balthazar's elephant, Simbalo.



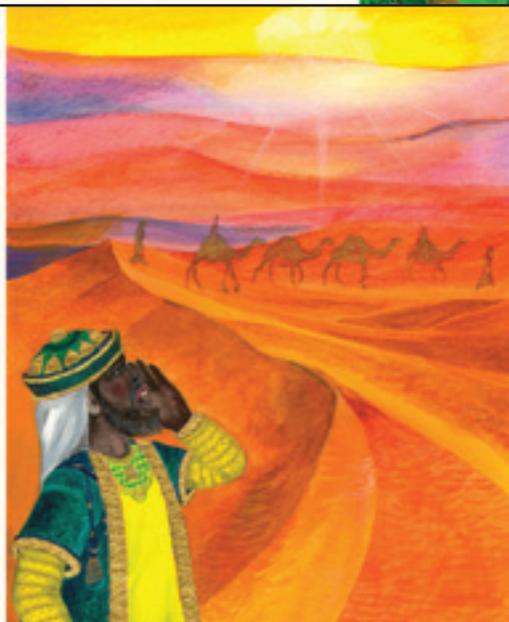
Sample Pages



Many days passed. The sand was in our eyes and ears. It coated our tongues. "Do not despair," I said to my companions Simbalo and Gamal. "We shall find a way!" Eventually we arrived at an oasis. It was a beautiful place. Palm trees heavy with sweet fruit and water that was cool and fresh. I nibbled fresh grass and slept in the shadows of the date palms.



Next the star lead us to a sandy path. Hot desert sand! "Let my camel Gamal lead us across," Caspar declared. "The desert is his home."
All around us was sand. Sometimes we thought we saw caravans of camels and merchants in the distance. Balthazar cried out to them. No reply was ever returned. Then, just as suddenly as they appeared they disappeared. Caspar told the others that what we had seen was a mirage.



About the Author & Illustrator



Isabelle Brent is an internationally known painter and illustrator who has illustrated more than two dozen children's books, many of which are of traditional fairy tales or stories from the Bible. Ms. Brent's first book as an illustrator for Wisdom Tales is *Saint Anthony the Great*, a children's biography of an important figure in the early Christian faith. *Saint Anthony the Great* is written by Rev. John Chryssavgis and Marilyn Rouvelas.

Isabelle Brent was born and raised in Great Britain. After high school, she studied at Loughborough College of Art and Design, in central England, and then did further studies in France and Italy. Isabelle later assisted at a museum of decorative arts in Leicester, England, where she conducted research for the museum galleries.

Her career as a fine artist started while Isabelle was still in her twenties. When she was 23, she had an exhibit at the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts in London. Isabelle Brent's art has been exhibited in Paris, Tokyo, New York, and many other places worldwide.

Isabelle Brent's work as an illustrator and designer is known by many due to the greeting cards, gift wrap, and gift bags that bear her unmistakably detailed and full-color art.

The illustrated books of Isabelle Brent, some of which she also authored, began appearing in 1990, with *The Christmas Story from the King James Version*. This was followed by many more volumes, including *All Creatures Great and Small* and wonderful versions of fairy tales from Hans Christian Andersen and the Brothers Grimm, among others. Some of these books and Isabelle Brent's other art contain one of her signature techniques: the use of gold leaf applications. This ancient technique was used on icons and manuscripts many centuries ago, and very few people have mastered the technique in contemporary times.

Isabelle Brent lives in France.

Each animal comes from a different land and possesses a unique skill. Together there is no challenge they cannot overcome in their quest to find baby Jesus.

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