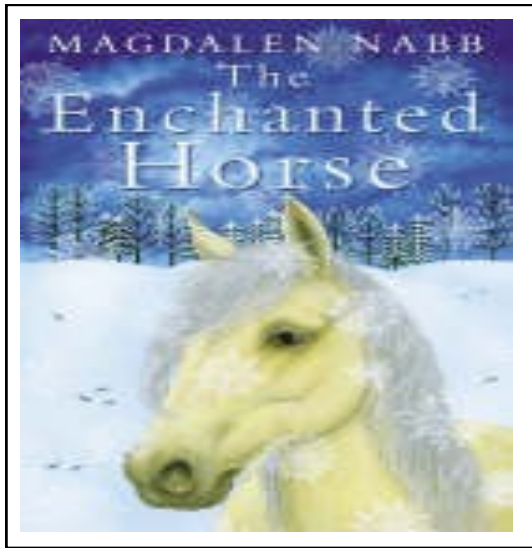


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## Horse Enchants school children



Cover of Enchanted book

Class 3 of Staveley School have enjoyed reading The Enchanted Horse by Magdalen Nabb.

Magdalen Nabb writes children and adult books. Most of her kids books are about a little girl called Josie Smith and her life as she grows up things get harder for her in life. But the book Class 3 enjoyed was The Enchanted Horse.

Bella was a wild Horse that was caught by a cruel farmer called Black Jack who made her work too hard. Mysteriously she turned into a wooden horse and ended up in an old junk shop.

Eventually a girl called Arena came to the junk shop on Christmas Eve and bought Bella and took her home.

Every night Bella comes alive and called for Arena and they go for a ride. Class 3 enjoyed the book because it sounded really fun and liked the fact the horse came alive. They did think though that it takes too long to build up the characters.

Magdalen Nabb was born in Church in England. She studied art and pottery, then moved to Italy. Her books have been translated into many languages including French, German, Japanese, Flemish, Danish, Hebrew, Portuguese, Spanish and Croatian. She died in 2007.



Magdalen Nabb in Florence.

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