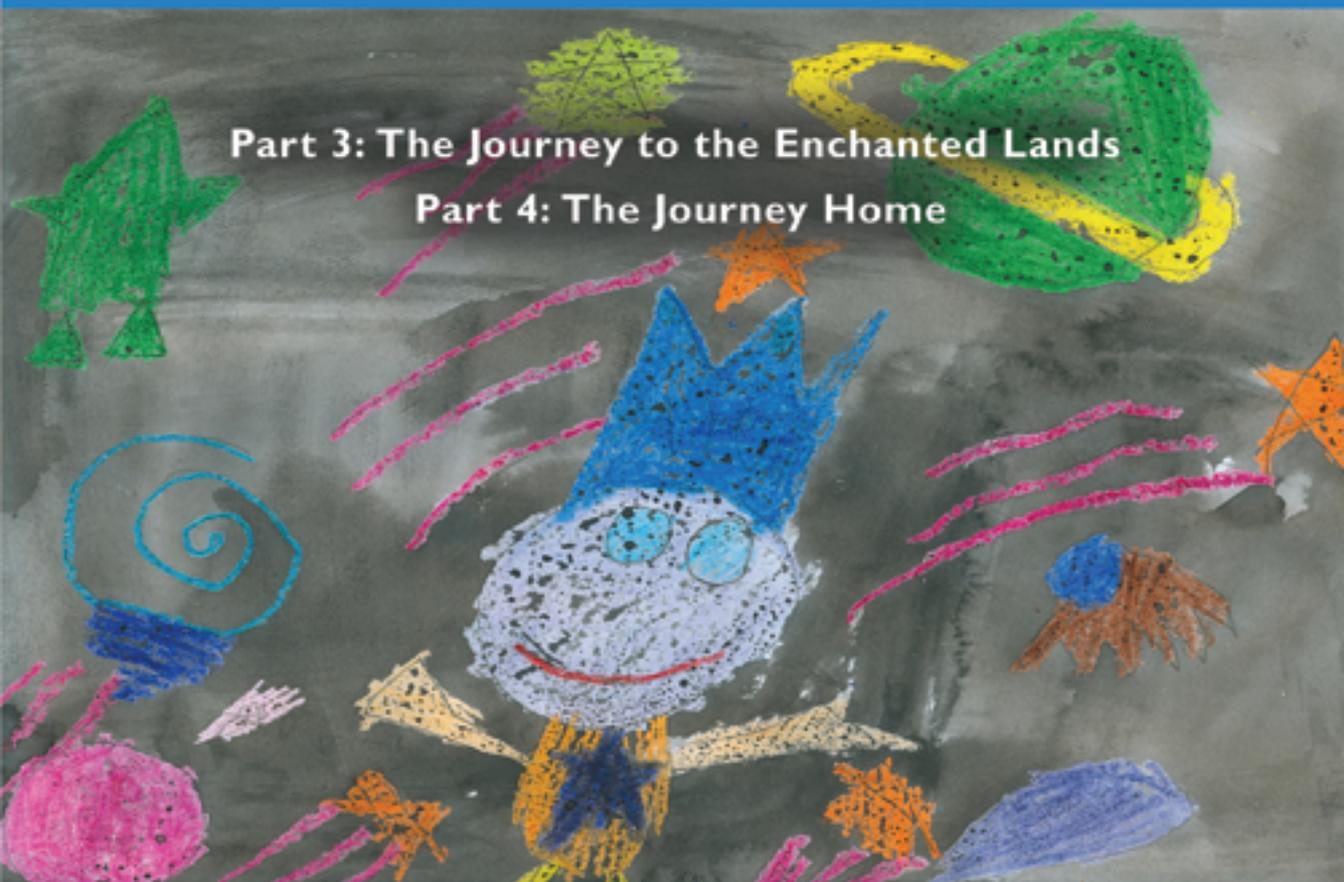


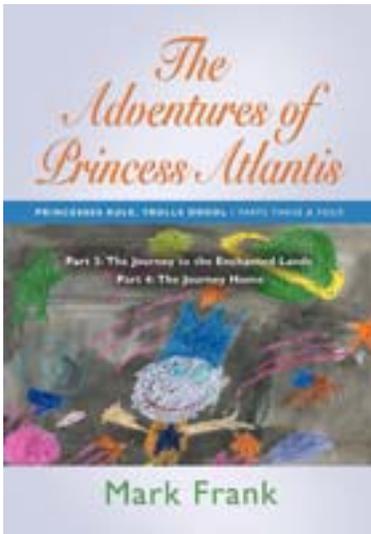
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| Character                             | Actor             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Narrator                              | Melissa Delfft    |
| Narrator                              | Ben Robinson      |
| Atlantis Sinclair                     | Samantha Johnson  |
| Rage/Queen Marie Savior/Echo Sinclair | Brianna Cordova   |
| Temper/Winona James/Beautiful         | Mead McMurphy     |
| Mrs. Sinclair/Mrs. Holder             | Marcelina Asebedo |
| Evil Sinclair/Rocky                   | Clifford Lee      |
| Grandma Sinclair                      | Mindy Barks       |
| The Spider King                       | Jake Kaufman      |
| Queen Lake                            | Lauren Bell       |
| Hollow                                | Dalton Smith      |
| Wedgy/Prince Cage                     | Zach Bartz        |
| Ms. Poppit                            | Juliette Lowrance |
| King Glorious James /Hank Sinclair    | Phil Morris       |
| Edward James                          | Randall Pike      |
| Pink, the unicorn                     | Lauren Curley     |
| Everyone, the fairy                   | Melaina Walker    |

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|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Smoke, the tiny dragon/Fire            | Cody Easley     |
| The Troll King/Mr. Sinclair/Mr. Holder | Randy Skidmore  |
| Joe, the gentle giant                  | Grant Davis     |
| Laughing Frog/Troll                    | Brandon Jackson |
| Troll/Vicious/Rotten Sinclair          | Donald Houston  |
| Troll/Rotten Sinclair                  | Kody Halfhide   |
| Troll/Script Supervisor                | Amber Long      |
| Stage Manager                          | Kayle Strauhs   |
| Stage Manager                          | Holly Kennedy   |
| Princess Atlantis                      | Atlantis Frank  |

## Author's Note

I met a little girl named Atlantis Lane in June of 2007 in Wellington, Kansas. She was just five years old, and I was blessed with my wife, Bethanie, to become her foster-to-adopt parents. This book is dedicated to my beautiful daughter, Atlantis Frank, whom I adopted March 25, 2008 at the young age of six. Many of the characters' names in this book were created by my daughter, and much of the story is the result of us playing "pretend" in her playroom with her incredible, wonderful imagination. This book is also dedicated to Wanda and Carl Hosey who were Atlantis's foster parents for two years, Dana Ison, Angela Davis from Kansas Children's Service League in Pittsburg, Kansas, and Shirley Johnson from Youthville in Wichita, Kansas.

My Precious daughter,

# Atlantis

"I didn't give you the gift of life,  
But in my heart I know,  
The love I feel is deep and real,  
As if it had been so.  
For us to have each other  
Is like a dream come true.  
No, I didn't give you the gift of life,  
Life gave me the gift of you."

-Anonymous

*This book is dedicated to Bethanie and Atlantis, the two pieces of my heart.*

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## Chapter 1: Meet Atlantis Sinclair

Atlantis Sinclair hated sitting in the hot yellow van all day. She did not like her three brothers picking on her all the time. She did not like that her mother was mean and hit her when she got angry. But the thing she disliked the most was that her father worked all the time and she never saw him. Of course, like her mother, her father also hit her when she did see him, but he was sometimes a little nicer than her mother. Atlantis Sinclair wanted to get away, far away. But that's almost impossible for a girl who was only eight years old.

"You all need to shut up back there!" yelled her mother who sat in the front seat drinking the horrible stink that makes parents mean.

"Don't make me come back there with my stick."

Atlantis slunk down in her seat and just looked silently out the window in fear that she might be beaten again.

"You're a big baby!" hollered her brother, Rotten.

"You stink!" screamed her other brother, Vicious.

"You wet your PJs," cried her younger brother, Evil.

"Leave her alone," demanded her younger sister, Echo who was a twin to Evil.

It wasn't Atlantis's fault that their mother didn't let them go to the bathroom, she had no choice. She, along with her siblings would have to get used to sitting in soiled, footy pajamas all day in the hot yellow van. Atlantis was mad. She needed to count backwards from ten. She taught herself this to stop Rage and Temper. Rage and Temper were dark creatures that lived inside of her. Rage and Temper were powerful, strong, and changed this cute, blonde hair, blue eyed, quiet little girl into a wild animal who attacked, clawed, scratched and bit when she became angry. Rage and Temper made her brothers pay the price with cuts, bites, and bruises when they pushed her too far and stirred the creatures inside of Atlantis.

"Summer is nearly over and I didn't go anywhere," thought Atlantis in her head. "All we do is sit in this hot yellow van all day outside of father's workplace and wait for him to finish working, and by that time I'm asleep."

"I think I did wet my pajamas," cried Echo who went back to play with her brothers.

Home wasn't any better as it was a rundown rust colored trailer sitting directly next to a swamp they would all swim and bathe in. A green murky swamp in the middle of a desolate forest that was pretty much full of dead trees that were probably once beautiful. Atlantis sat and thought how horrible it was to have to share a small room with her brothers and sister. On the weekends both her parents would give them medicine whether they were sick or not, and all it did was made them sleep. Atlantis liked to sleep, it made her forget how miserable she was and dreamt of a day when she would escape to a faraway land where she was a princess and lived in a huge castle, a

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dream most girls her age would dream about every night. She curled up in her seat in the hot van, ignored everything around her, and fell fast asleep. It was time to dream.

## Chapter 2: The Escape

When Atlantis Sinclair woke up from her short nap something was different. Her mother was sleeping in the front seat.

“Mother?” questioned Atlantis, but her mother did not move.

She then looked around the van and all of her brothers and sister were sleeping also. It was later in the day as the sun was about to set, but where was her father? He should be getting off work about now. Atlantis looked out the window. She looked at the sky and noticed how beautiful the setting sun looked. She looked around the parking lot of her father’s work and noticed that their van was the last vehicle in the lot. Atlantis thought how wonderful it would be to get out of the van and breathe in some fresh air. What could it hurt as her brothers, sister, and mother were fast asleep? But she had to be quiet because if her mother caught her she would be in big trouble, maybe even spanked. She slowly opened the creaky van door and got out. She carefully shut the door behind her and when she turned around she saw a small boy across the parking lot with a big pink balloon on a string. Where did he come from she thought, he wasn’t there a minute ago? The boy was punching the big pink balloon.

“Stupid balloon!” the boy yelled as he kept hitting it over and over.

Atlantis stared at the boy. The balloon almost looked like it had a sad face the way it was slumped over as the little boy hit it repeatedly. She knew what it was like to be hit over and over again. Her mother, father, even her grandmother would hit her like that when she was naughty and even sometimes when she didn’t even do anything wrong. These thoughts made Atlantis mad. Rage was stirring inside of her and wanted to come out and kick and punch the boy who was hurting the balloon.

“I’m warning you to STOP HITTING IT!” yelled Rage in a dark voice. Rage had taken over Atlantis and now was in charge. The little boy stopped and looked at Atlantis and laughed.

“You’re stupid,” yelled the boy as he went back to hitting the balloon.

Rage grew stronger, and now its evil twin, Temper, appeared alongside of Rage. Emotions swirled inside Atlantis.

“I-SAID-STOP-IT!” screamed Atlantis as tears rolled down her face.

“You going to cry, you big baby?” asked the boy laughing as he continued to hit the big pink balloon.

Rage and Temper took total control and charged the boy, claws out, teeth bared, ready to bite, and ready to attack.

“Why you little...” yelled Rage and Temper.

“Mommy!” cried the boy in sheer terror as he let go of the balloon and ran away crying in fear.

“Gotcha,” exclaimed Atlantis as she caught the balloon just in time before it floated off. The beauty of the big round pink balloon seemed to have a face that was smiling and this calmed Atlantis down. Rage and Temper had run away back deep

inside of Atlantis. Rage and Temper were evil and were weakened by things that were beautiful, nice, and most importantly, things that loved. Atlantis looked at the balloon and strangely the balloon looked at her and....smiled?

“Hold on!” the balloon yelled as it lifted Atlantis off the ground.

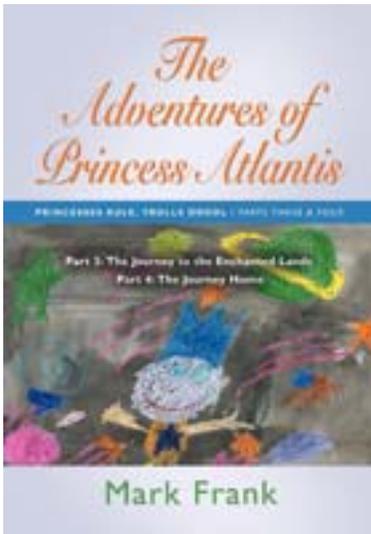
“Whoa! I’m scared,” shouted Atlantis. “Will this tiny string break?” Atlantis asked as they went higher and higher in the air.

“You’re fine, Princess, just don’t let go!”

“Princess?” Atlantis was confused. She could see the yellow van getting smaller and smaller as the big pink balloon lifted her higher and higher. She was scared. Not of being so high but of how badly she would be beaten when her mother would wake up and notice her gone.

“We have to get to the sun before it sets, hold on,” laughed the big pink balloon as it floated up faster and faster.

Atlantis stopped thinking about being in trouble and enjoyed her flight high in the sky through the clouds. She started to laugh. She felt free and excited about the journey that awaited her. She smiled for the first time in her life.



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