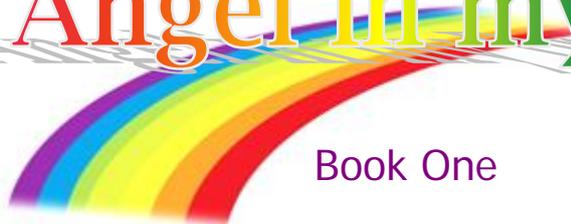


The Angel in my Dreams



Book One

Going Home

Angela appeared to be wide-awake, although she knew she was asleep.

All of a sudden something woke her. She felt a soft touch on her cheek. Angela opened her eyes in a flash. She gasped when she saw floating at the end of her bed the most exquisite sight that she had ever seen. In the middle of a golden glow was an angel. And not just any angel, this one was so beautiful, with enormous wings radiating different colours. She had a smile like nothing Angela had ever seen before. She was so 'out of this world' that there were no words to describe her.

Angela rubbed her eyes. She thought she was still dreaming but the angel, wrapped in the colours of the rainbow, was still there floating, gently smiling down at her.

"Are you real?" Angela whispered, adding "What are you here for?"

"Oh yes. I'm very real. I am here to take you on a journey. Would you like to come with me? There's something I want you to see."

How could this angel talk without opening her mouth? What she said went straight to Angela's heart. No words were needed. Angela thought she could try it too because if she thought it, she wouldn't wake anybody. She knew her mum didn't sleep very well and was always listening for the slightest sound coming from her bedroom and if she came in now...how could she explain?

Okay, Angela thought. I'll try thought-talking. Of course she'd like to go with the angel, but there was one problem.

"I don't want to leave my family," Angela sighed.

"I know little one. But this isn't that kind of journey. I promise when you wake, you'll be back here tucked in under your warm doona."

"What's your name?"

"My name is Kairi."

"Why have you chosen me?"

"The Creator of All has sent me to take you on a special journey. I have been sent to show you a small glimpse of Heaven. But there is one thing I ask of you Angela. On your return I want you to tell your friends and family of your adventures. They'll understand no one ever really leaves. They are only just a thought away, on a beautiful star in the heavens."

"But they won't believe me. They'll think I'm crazy."

"Your story will be so beautiful Angela, they will not only believe you but they will understand more."

The angel held out her hand for Angela to hold. There was so much love streaming from Kairi's body Angela knew she didn't need to be afraid.

The Red Curtain

Angela was flown high up beyond the stars and galaxies. Everything looked so magical. She could see the Sun and the Moon. She felt like she could touch Venus, Pluto and Mars. Falling stars were whizzing past her leaving behind a trail of stardust. "*Could this be real?*" she thought out loud.

Kairi smiling said, "*Yes, Angela, this is real.*"

"*Amazing,*" was all Angela could say.

A little way ahead Angela could see a rainbow.

"*Kairi, look at that pretty rainbow? And is that a bridge I can see?*"

"*Angela, it is called the Rainbow Bridge. It is the bridge of dreams and adventures.*

Come on, let's cross over and see where it takes us." Kairi was so excited because she knew what lay beyond.

Nanna! Pa! Angela called out. She was so excited. Her Nanna and Pa ran to greet her with arms outstretched.

Angela looked up at Kairi with tear-filled eyes. The angel had tears in her eyes as well. This was real, not just in her imagination. Wow...this was going to be one journey Angela would never forget.

How could she not share it with her family and friends? She didn't care what they thought of her...not now. She knew it was the truth and that was all that mattered. Nanna and Pa are alive!

The Orange Curtain

With a cheeky smile, Kairi told Angela to cover her eyes. All of a sudden Angela was bowled over. Something was licking her face. It felt like...like...a dog. She opened her eyes. It was Tao! He was alive too! "Where are we Kairi?"

"This is known as the Animal Kingdom", replied Kairi. "All the animals that have ever been created live here peacefully, and everything they need is provided for them."

Have you noticed how on your earth many animals have been mistreated, or hunted and killed? This makes us very sad indeed. Not only are the animals suffering but also the trees and different types of vegetation. Large numbers are being cut down much faster than the new ones can grow.

"How can we help?"

Flutter had flown on ahead and settled herself on a flower, waiting patiently for Angela, Kairi, Tao and Allie to join her by the waterfall. Allie let her passengers off, and with a swish of her tail and a trumpet farewell she slowly made her way back to the other animals. Kairi's wings seemed to get in the way, so she found herself a small rock nearby. From here she could watch what was going on while stretching out the great expanse of her multi-coloured wings.

Tao chased a bright green grasshopper. He was such a scatterbrain puppy.

The Yellow Curtain

Kairi took Angela's hand and they sat together on a bench nearby.

It feels like you've been here before, doesn't it? And sometimes when you meet a new friend it feels as if you have known them forever. Yes?"

"Oh yes, but sometimes I get so confused."

"I know you do and that's why we are here. Do you know about the Rainbow Children? These children were born with special gifts. Often their mothers and fathers thought they were 'old souls'. And they are. They just seem to know without being told.

Sometimes Angela felt she lived in a world of her own, almost like a fragile bird in a glass cage and no one except her mother and Kairi understood what it was like.

The Green Curtain

"What is your name?" Angela asked.

"Eli", replied the little boy shyly, looking down at his feet.

"What are you doing here, Eli?"

"I don't know. Just after I went to sleep I had the strangest dream. I dreamt that there was a really bright star in the sky and it came towards me so quickly."

"Do you have an angel like I do?"

"Yes...Manu, that's his name.

Ariel told the children it was okay for them to now open their eyes. To their surprise, sitting on the throne was the most beautiful lady that they had ever seen. Her angelic face was so pale it looked like snow. Her hair was the colour of corn on the cob and the texture of spun silk. On the top of her head shone a crown covered in precious jewels and gems. Her smile was radiant. Her teeth were perfect. Her lips were like a cupid's bow and were a pretty shade of cherry pink. She wore the most beautiful gown in all of the Nature Kingdom. It was white tulle underneath, covered by white floaty chiffon caught up here and there with bows at the waist. The gown was covered in tiny little silver stars and moons that twinkled and winked as she moved in the sunlight. Her wings were mother-of-pearl, sparkling shades of pink, pale blue, mint green and lemon on a silver background. She was spellbinding.

The Blue Curtain

With squeals of delight, the children paddled over to the smiling dolphins, wrapping their arms excitedly around their thick necks. Eli had never seen a dolphin before. He lived in the heart of Africa where lions, elephants, giraffes, hippos and zebras roamed.

The dolphins told the children their names were Flapper and Smiley.

Smiley told both children to grab hold of their fins, take a deep breath and hold on. Before they knew it they were on their way into underwater paradise.

Swordfish dressed in red and gold guard uniforms were standing at attention by gigantic closed front wooden doors, playing trumpets to announce the group's arrival. Cave dwellers such as eels, scorpion fish, squirrelfish and soldier fish crawled out from their slumber to greet them also. It was out of curiosity more than anything else. Like the rest of the Oceanland, they had never seen humans until now.

Inside the castle, great archways surrounding the great hall led to rooms of all sorts. There were bedrooms, bathrooms, and a library that housed row upon row of books. There was a room for dancing, kitchens to feed the many, a theatre that sat thousands, and of course, last but not least, the king's chambers, where the king was patiently waiting for them.

The Purple Curtain

Ahead was what looked like a huge cluster of quartz crystal rising out of the mist. This castle or temple looked nothing like Queen Diana's or King Neptune's. This one was a real fairytale castle. A tall spire reached up into the sky, with the colours all blending in together. A rainbow like nothing on earth bathed them in pure light, and the children knew then there was no other love in all of existence like there was here in Seventh Heaven.

Four great Beings floated at the entrance to the castle and asked the children to join them.

"Are we ever without an angel?" Eli asked, as he looked at Raphael.

"No, never, ever. We are always with you. All you need do is ask. It may be for assistance with an exam or test. It may be to help with communication if you are lost for the right word to say. There are even special Car-park Angels who you can call on to find a parking place for your car if you need one", Raphael replied with a wink.

Morning has Broken

Before they knew it the sun was rising and the children were back in their own beds, stretching and yawning.

Eli was lying on his mat on the floor in his small African village.

Angela was under the covers on her soft brass bed on the other side of the world, in Australia.

The children would never realise just how different their lives were from each other. It didn't really matter anyway, for in Heaven everyone was all the same. The Creator of All didn't care what colour or race you were, or whether you were rich or poor, everybody was the same in His eyes, for He created all to be just like Him.

Enjoy The Angel in my Dreams...God used my hands to write it for you.



Jen XXX