

Joshua and the Magical Unicorn

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



As a successful, mobile beauty therapist for many years in her home town of Hertfordshire in the UK, Jenny had a dramatic career change when diagnosed in 2009 with Multiple Sclerosis. After a number of challenging years with her health, Jenny is now an author. No one was more surprised about this than Jenny. Writing books was certainly not on her to-do list but has now become her passion. She has written several inspiring and uplifting books for adults and is now concentrating on children's books.

Jenny is writing a series of magical, story colouring books for children which are dyslexia- friendly. We all know how important it is for children to read but how do we entice our children to fall in love with books? Jenny says, 'My intentions are to help as many children as I can to engage, no matter what their reading abilities are. By using their imagination and creativity, both through words or pictures, they learn to enjoy, and most importantly, to have fun, which is what I believe my books achieve.'

Follow Jenny or subscribe to upcoming books by visiting her website at: www.jennyfordauthor.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:



Caroline is a multi award-winning artist and illustrator whose work sits in two opposing ends of the genre spectrum - Realism and Fantasy.

All her book illustrations are drawn and coloured by hand with the very occasional use of digital wizardry to add special effects, such as fairy dust!

'Working on Jenny's Magical series of books allows me to revert back to my childhood again and forget about the 'real' world for a while! If my drawings can inspire even one child to think creatively and use their imagination, and then follow this up with a drawing, then I'm happy. The wonderful part of Fantasy illustration is that there are absolutely no rules; if you want to draw a purple and yellow fairy creature with pink stripes, who's to say it's wrong? And kids just love that freedom!'

To view Caroline's portfolio, visit her website at: www.carolineevans.net.



‘Hey Josh, what are you doing?’

‘Oh hi Lucia! Just waiting for dad, he’s going away on another one of his business trips and we’re taking him to the airport.’

‘Where is he going this time?’

‘Norway, for four weeks.’

‘Wow, that’s a long time Josh.’

‘I know. It always makes me feel sad when dad goes away.’

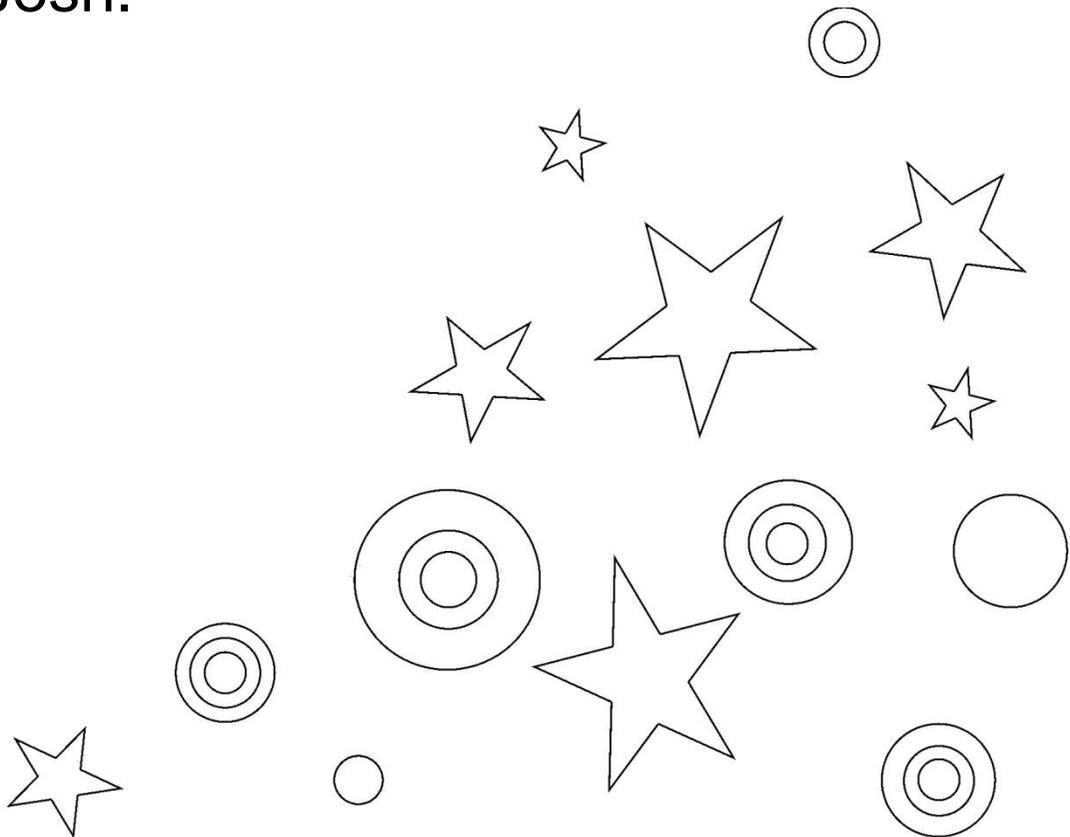
‘Hello Lucia, how are you?’

‘I’m very well thank you Mr Jackson. Josh tells me you’re off to Norway for four weeks.’

‘That’s right, but I will be back before you know it,’ said dad, turning to Josh as he hugged him and ruffled his hair.

‘Are we ready?’ said mum. “Hello Lucia!’

‘Hi Mrs Jackson! Have a good trip Mr Jackson. See you when you get back Josh.’



On the way back from the airport Josh and his mum stopped off to get some lunch.

‘Mum, why does dad have to keep going away?’ asked Josh.

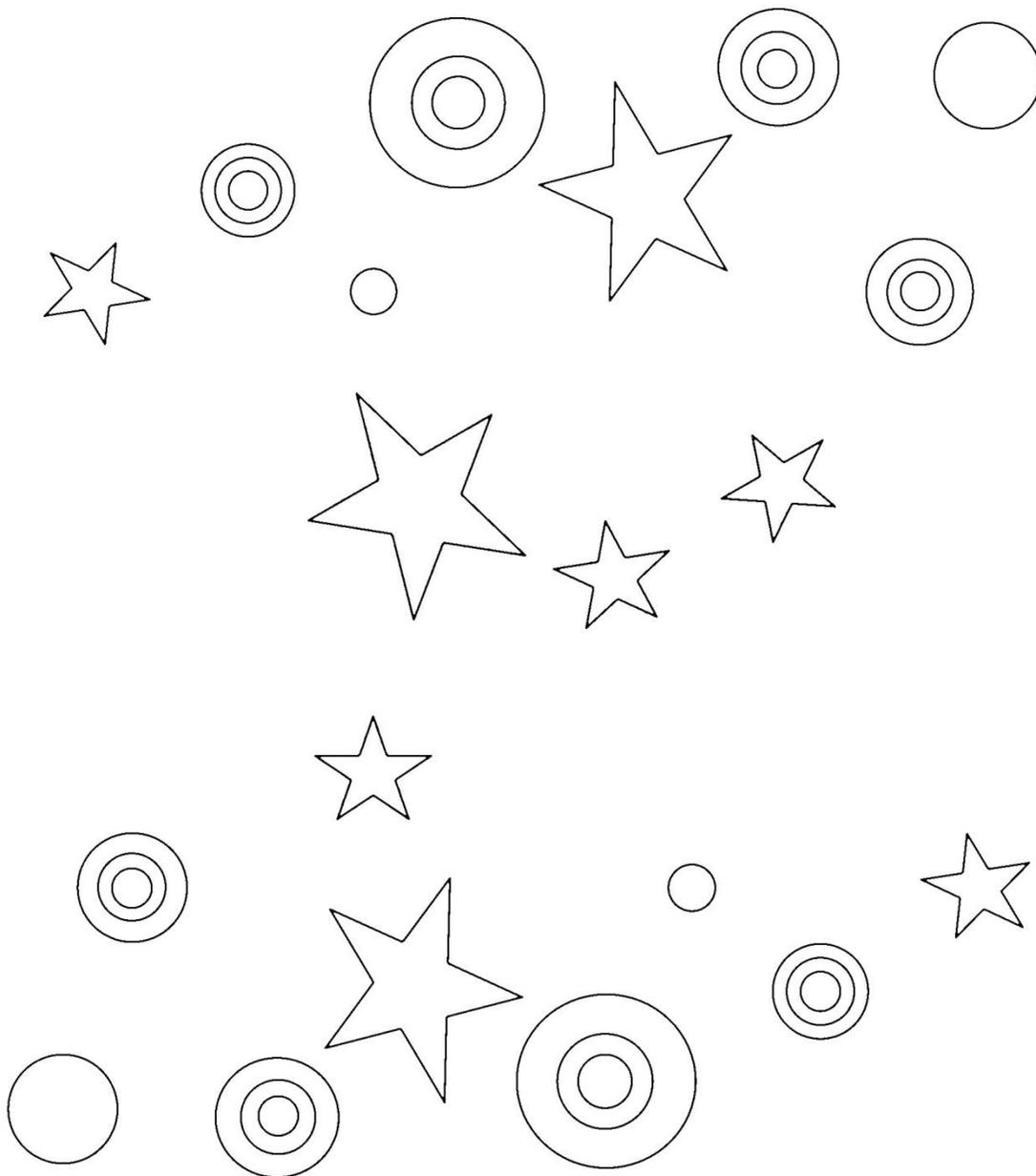
‘Well, he is an important man in his job and he has to make sure that everything is running smoothly.’

‘But I’m important too!’

‘Oh, Josh, come here,’ said mum, giving him a big hug. ‘Yes, you are important Josh, very important and dad loves you more than anything, just as I do. It won’t always be like this.’

Josh smiled at mum.

‘Now, how about we order some food?
You can have anything you like.’



When they arrived home, Josh went to his bedroom to read one of his many magical books about unicorns.

Josh loved unicorns. He had toy unicorns, unicorn ornaments, a unicorn painted on his wall, unicorn bed covers and of course, lots of unicorn books.

He would often lie on his bed with his eyes closed and imagine that he was playing with them.

But on this particular day, something strange happened...