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THE LAND OF SMAERD

by Andrea von Botefuhr
with Illustrations by Bryn Barnard

More than ever before, it is vitally important for us to encourage our children, by allowing them the freedom to develop their minds as a resource through which to realize their greatest potential.

THE LAND OF SMAERD ('dreams' spelled backwards) is a beautifully illustrated children's book about a wondrous world where all things are possible; where dreams, constructed through pure imagination, literally become reality.

While conveying simple, yet powerful ideas designed to cultivate imagination, SMAERD beckons us to a place where we are free to soar...where children are encouraged to express their creativity...where dreams are allowed to thrive.

Throughout the story, a young girl is seen on a journey, exploring this world of dreams. The author then segues into an imaginative scenario which offers unique and delightful ways to understand what might (otherwise), be considered 'bad' or 'frightening'.

While suggesting the importance of being clear and thoughtful about what we ask for, the story of SMAERD encourages optimism through its assurance that...

"No dream is impossible, too big or too small.
Any dream can come true, any dream at all!"

A story about a place where dreams live while they are waiting to come true, THE LAND OF SMAERD is, in essence, an enchanting metaphor for the limitless realm within heart and soul of every dreamer, and for the unfathomable source from which all of creation emerges.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR'S

Sisters, **ANDREA von Botefuhr** and **ANGELA RUSSELL**, were born in southern California, then grew up in the Hawaiian Islands. **THE LAND OF SMAERD** was originally written by Angela when she was ten years old. Inspired by its concept, Andrea then brought it to life years later, recreating the story in verse. A prolific poet, artist, and writer, Andrea has also worked in the entertainment industry. Additionally her hand painted silk garments and quilts have won praise in galleries in Los Angeles, Seattle and Hawaii.

ANGELA RUSSELL has devoted her life to the creation of high-quality entertainment. For over twenty years, she has developed an independent body of work, which reflects a lifelong passion for the study, practice and creative application of what is currently referred to as "the New Physics". Encompassing all aspects of media, her projects are visionary; designed to entertain, educate and inspire.

Andrea and Angela now live in the Pacific Northwest.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

BRYN BARNARD'S technique of glazing – the use of many layers of tinted oils over a monochromatic opaque underpainting – has been around since at least the 12th century. Indeed, Maxfield Parrish's dazzling, Technicolor effects were entirely dependent on glazing. The slow drying time of oil paint has made the medium rare in today's tight-deadline illustration world, and the laborious and even slower technique of glazing has become almost extinct. However, with some oily tricks and an oven in his basement, Bryn has found a way to revive the ancient technique to achieve the saturation and luminosity he finds so compelling – and still meet his deadlines. His resulting paintings are alive with detail and full of narrative suggestion.

He has been called "one of the masters of Science Fiction art" by *The Christian Science Monitor*. A multi-talented artist with over 20 children's and young adult books to his credit, he has painted historical reconstructions for The National Geographic Society, documented the U.S. Space Program for NASA, and created over 200 feet of murals, 20 feet high, for Children's Hospital in Seattle. As illustrator and author of **OUTBREAK** and **DANGEROUS PLANET**, both published by Crown, Bryn's work has been called "engrossing" by *The Wall Street Journal* and "part Jared Diamond...part Stephen Jay Gould" by *The New York Times*.

Bryn studied at the University of California, Berkeley, and Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. He lives with his family in Friday Harbor, Washington. ...More

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