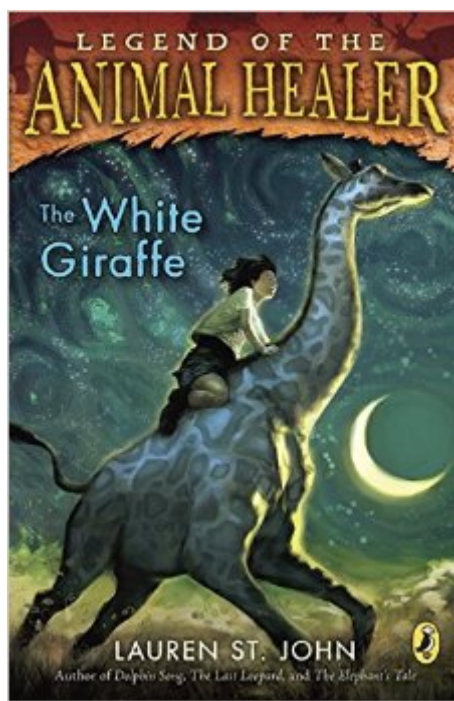


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# The White Giraffe



## Synopsis

The first exciting book in the dramatic Legend of the Animal Healer series! A thrilling adventure classic-in-the-making! The night Martine Allen turns eleven years old is the night her life changes completely. Martine's parents are killed in a fire, so she must leave her home to live on an African wildlife reserve with a grandmother she never even knew she had. When Martine arrives, she hears tales of a mythical animal living there—a white giraffe. They say no one has ever seen the animal, but it does leave behind footprints. Her grandmother insists that the white giraffe is just a legend, but then, one stormy night, Martine looks out her bedroom window straight into the eyes of the tall silvery animal. Could it be just Martine's imagination, or is the white giraffe real? And if so, why is everyone keeping its existence a secret?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

The White Giraffe is a book about a girl named Martine who must live with her grandmother in Africa following the death of her parents on her eleventh birthday. Through this experience, Martine learns courage, compassion and loyalty through her friendship with a white giraffe, Jemmy. Martine must use all her new abilities to save the white giraffe at the end of the book. Martine learned courage during her time in Africa by going out at night in the dangerous wildlife preserve to see Jemmy. She

had to overcome her fears and visit Jemmy at night to protect from being seen by poachers. At the end of the book Martine used courage to save Jemmy when Alex stole the giraffe. Alex put Jemmy on a ship to sell her for money. Martine bravely goes to the ship and saves the white giraffe. Martine demonstrated compassion for animals for the first time while with her Grandmother, Gwyn Thomas, in Africa. While at school, her classmates were teasing a goose. She told the other children to stop and protected the goose. She then used her special powers to heal the goose, as she had dreamed about earlier in the book. Martine again uses her compassion and special powers to heal Jemmy when Jemmy is injured by the poachers. Martine learned loyalty through Jemmy's loyalty toward her. Jemmy demonstrated loyalty by coming to her at night when she blew the dog whistle. This showed that Jemmy truly trusted Martine and believed that Martine was her friend. Martine used this newly learned loyalty by doing what was best for Jemmy and letting her be free at the end of the book. This was a very good book because it showed the value of friendship and how friends can learn valuable lessons from each other.

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