



# KEEPER OF THE CRYSTALS

Eve and the Runaway Unicorn

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- There are several point in the story when both Eve and Eve and the Runaway Unicorn.
- Have students create a pictography of the narrative for preserve them.
- Before we could use writing, stories were drawn in order to why it is a better cover.
- Design a new cover for the book and prepare a pitch for does the cover tell us about the narrative contained inside?
- Study the cover of Eve and the Runaway Unicorn. What about old people challenged?
- beginning of the story to the end. Are your assumptions
- Discuss how the portrayal of Gran changes from the knows more about the power of the crystal than she lets on.
- At the end of the book we are led to believe that Eve's Gran similarities and differences between Eve and Oscar.
- Have students draw up a character chart and illustrate the better. By the end of the book they are friends.
- of the story they grow to trust and understand each other
- Eve and Oscar have a fiery relationship. Over the course can be like an extended family.
- Write a piece about your own community and how they
- What does community mean to you?
- with Callie's family and her village.
- her own mother and father but finds a sense of community
- In *Eve and the Runaway Unicorn*, Eve feels abandoned by

### Eve and the Runaway Unicorn

### Make Your Own Crystals

**Warning:** Make sure an adult is with you when you're handling hot water.

- Borax {found with laundry detergent}*
- Water*
- Heatproof jars*
- Pencils*
- Cotton thread*
- Coloured pipe cleaners*



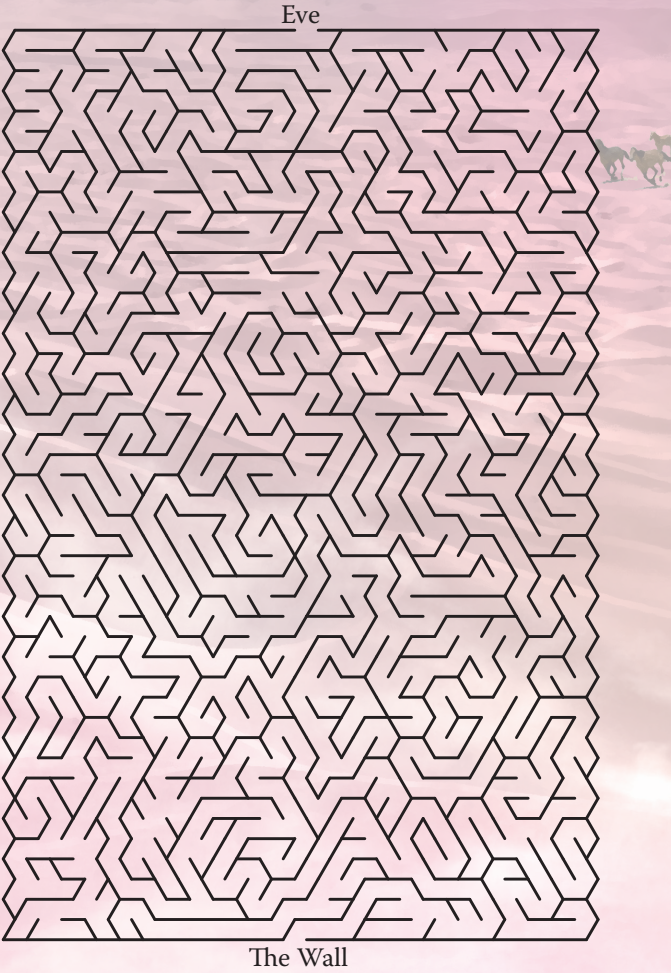
In a pot or a large spouted container, dissolve 9 tbsp of Borax in 3 cups of very hot water. Boil the water in a kettle first to make sure it's hot enough to dissolve the Borax. Stir your solution very well until the Borax has completely dissolved. This can take a few minutes. When your solution is crystal clear, you're good to go.

Next, pour your Borax and water solution into your glass jars. Shape your pipe cleaner into the shape you want your crystal to be.

Now you need to suspend your pipe cleaners freely in the solution. You can do this by hanging the pipe cleaner from a pencil balanced in the rim of the jar with the cotton thread.

Now, you just have to wait for a bit. Set your jar in a safe place where the solution can cool. By the next morning you should see your crystals starting to form.

### Help Eve cross the desert of Panthor



- Oscar's resilience is tested both physically and mentally.
- Find examples in the story of when characters are tested physically and mentally.
- Choose an example from your own life when you have been tested both physically and emotionally.
- Unicorns are a mythical animal said to represent purity and power. The unicorn is a central character in the book but only appears fleetingly at the start of the story and then towards the end of the book.
- Why do you think the writer did this?
- What does the unicorn represent in the story?
- If you were to write the next book in the Keeper of the Crystals series, what would the story be about?
- Draw a map representing the world of Panthor, include the Borderlands, Lakes of Trapor, the wall and the tower.
- Which characters are in conflict in the book?
- How do Oscar and Eve resolve their differences?
- List four ways to effectively resolve conflict.
- Trapor was once a world of lush vegetation. Once the king controlled the water supply, he controlled the people and the animals.
- Do you think we take fresh water for granted?
- Research how nomadic populations live in deserts with limited access to water.

### Riddles

In the book Eve and Oscar have to solve a riddle in the form of a prophecy. Can you solve the following three riddles?

*One where none should be,  
or maybe where two should be,  
seeking out purity,  
in the king's trees.  
What am I?*

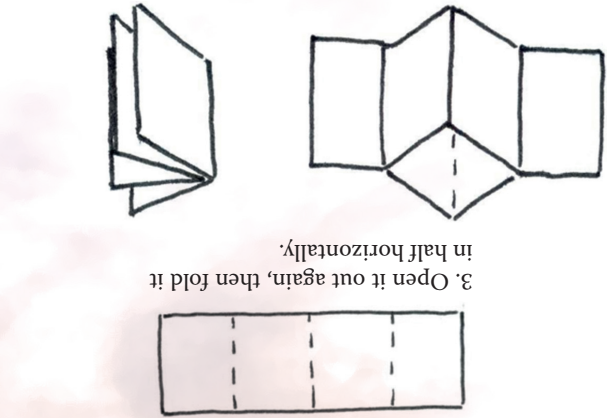
*What do unicorns have that no other creature has?*

*Eve came across a panther and a unicorn in a forest of forgetfulness. Those two are strange beings. The panther lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the other days he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, however the other days of the week he speaks the truth.*

*Panther: Yesterday I was lying.  
Unicorn: So was I.  
On which day did they say that?*

### How to fold your Keeper of the Crystals activities booklet

1. Fold this sheet into 8 sections
2. Fold it in half vertically and cut from the fold to the crease, as shown.
3. Open it out again, then fold it in half horizontally.
4. Push the ends inwards to form a diamond shape.
5. Push the ends together and flatten into pages, fold the pages around to form a book.



### Unscamble the Words

1. CRUNONI \_\_\_\_\_
2. SROAC \_\_\_\_\_
3. HAPTORN \_\_\_\_\_
4. AROPRT \_\_\_\_\_
5. DNESARBLDOR \_\_\_\_\_
6. DANOSM \_\_\_\_\_
7. SRDETE \_\_\_\_\_
8. EHAHCET \_\_\_\_\_
9. SYATCLSR \_\_\_\_\_
10. HTNEPAR \_\_\_\_\_
11. BDII \_\_\_\_\_
12. WORET \_\_\_\_\_
13. LICLEA \_\_\_\_\_
14. RSWOC \_\_\_\_\_
15. OHURTEESE \_\_\_\_\_
16. EGLUNJ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Eve and the Runaway Unicorn

#### THE STORY

Eve is staying with her grandmother and her only choice in playmate is Oscar, the boy from next door. The lure of the forbidden attic in her Nan's house proves too much for Eve and Oscar and they sneak upstairs to explore. When Eve finds a small crystal figurine of a unicorn it acts as a portal into another world. Eve and Oscar find themselves in the desert of Panthor where unicorns are now enslaved, land turned to desert and people forced to become desert nomads. How can Eve and Oscar survive in a land where panthers and people communicate and where an evil king has complete control of every living being? More importantly, how will they ever get home again?