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AUTHOR RE-IMAGINES THE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Author Xianna Michaels re-imagines what a children's book can be in *Mindel and the Misfit Dragons – A Magical Tale by an Ancient Hand*, scheduled for launch in November.

Inspired by an innocent child's request for her grandmother to write a book for children with a Jewish theme, Xianna Michaels, a long ago award-winning historical novelist, embraced her first love of poetry and set out to do just that. Combining her love for dragon lore (recently kindled through a workshop created for her grandson's first grade class) and her reverence for Jewish life, Mindel began whispering her story in Xianna's ear.

In the story, a brave Jewish girl lives in a castle where it is very hard to keep the Sabbath and where unknown villains are defacing sacred scrolls. In her quest to keep her family home, Mindel meets three dragons who are considered misfits by all, but whose very oddities may save Castle Draconmere.

A story with widespread appeal, *Mindel and The Misfit Dragons* speaks to children and adults alike about the importance of holding fast to dreams and deepest convictions despite the obstacles the world presents. Filling a void in the canon of Jewish children's literature, Xianna wove the dragon lore that children love and Jewish observance through verse narrative. Crafted through six years of hand-lettering and illustration, the story evokes the vision of medieval manuscripts, complementing Mindel's world.

Xianna Michaels, a poet, novelist, artist, calligrapher, teacher, grandmother, and publisher, holds a Master of Arts degree in Linguistics and was a high school teacher for many years. She now creates and teaches poetry, art and verse fairytales in the pursuit of spiritual and even mystical connection. Michaels created her publishing company after realizing her writing style didn't fit into a typical publishing category. Knowing she had to share her stories with the world, Alcabal Press® was born. To learn more about Xianna Michaels, visit XiannaMichaels.com. For more on Alcabal Press, visit AlcabalPress.com.

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