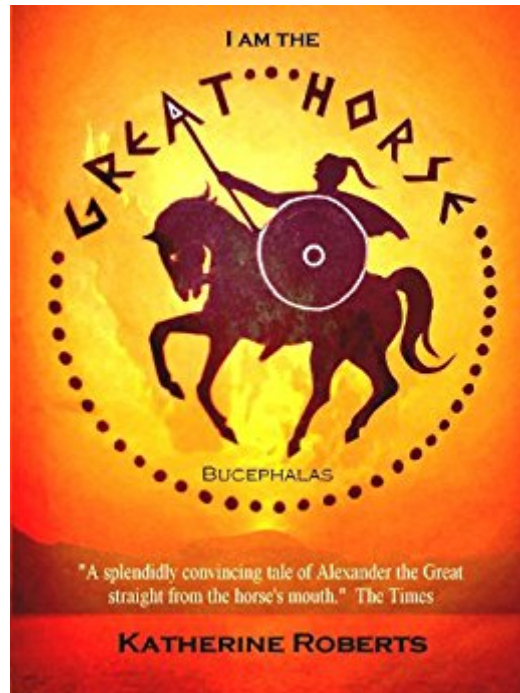




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# I Am The Great Horse



## Synopsis

Climb on my back, if you dare, and let me carry you into the battles that changed the world...So speaks Alexander the Great's bold black stallion Bucephalas, one of the most famous horses of the ancient world, as he recounts their epic journey from Macedonia across Persia and over the Himalayas into India, straight from the horse's mouth. In the tradition of Anna Sewell's *Black Beauty* and Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse*, this mixture of fiction and history will appeal to readers looking for a lively account of the legends surrounding Alexander of Macedon and the men and women who followed him to the ends of the earth. Originally published in hardcover by Scholastic US and in paperback by Chicken House UK, this book is a true crossover title that appeals to all generations.

• "A major work of historical fiction." • John Newman - Bookseller's Choice, Publishing News.

• "A funny, informative and highly original historical novel." • The Times.

• "Unique and brilliant!" • Dr Ian Mortimer (author of *The Time Traveller's Guides*).

• "Roberts wears her considerable research lightly, and you never question for a minute that this was how Alexander came to rule the Mediterranean and the east | but it is not romanticised; you feel the glory of victory but also see how it ultimately corrupts the victor. And the ending, for both king and horse, is as moving as anything I've read." • Mary Hoffman, *The Guardian*.

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• "Relish this gallop through history and give | flat ears | to anyone who threatens to disturb your reading. This book is a tremendous achievement | a truly epic adventure story with masses of factual detail and sympathetic insights, not least into the psychology of warfare. What more can I say? Encourage your students to read it!" • Alison Hurst, *School Librarian* magazine.

• "A fast, fun, and engrossing read for horse enthusiasts of any age." • Miwok Livery Stables, US.

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## Customer Reviews

Although very much not a "young reader" I picked up this book because of my love of horses and history. Having rather more knowledge of horses than of Alexander and his time period, I found this to be an easy read that gave a fairly accurate description of the bond that can form between a horse and a person. Charmeia's bond with Bucephalus mirrored bonds that I have personally had with a couple of horses ... without all the drama of being dragged halfway across the planet. I can't speak to the accuracy of the history of Alexander but the story was written well given that it was from the horse's point of view. A good book for a young reader - 8-10 years old who is either interested in history or horses.

Bucephalus the famous horse shall forever remain in my heart because of this book. I now love him and ride my own black stallion with a white star. I am only a young reader but an all time horse rider, I can imagine myself bringing up a horse farm with a Bucephalus. Oh how much I cried of joy and sadness while reading. I promise you to have an excellent time while reading this book, if you love horses or history this book is for you. Forever admiration for Bucephalus.

I bought this wanting the story, but dreading the pre-teen level of writing. I have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of the writing and research done for this story. This really is a terrific book, well written, well researched and the author clearly knows horses and horse behavior. I'm recommending it to my adult friends!

Bought this book for my daughter as a christmas gift. She absolutely loved it. The cover was a little off-putting, but the story itself is very interesting with th surprise twist at the end. Would reccommend.

Great book. Alexandre is one of my son's favorite history figures and he already knows a lot about him; yet he found the narrative from the perspective of the horse to be quite engaging. He waited with anticipation for the book to arrive and when it did, he was not dissapointed. Didn't stop reading it until finished.

This book was amazing and truly inspiring. To see the historic story told through Alexanders horse was awesome! Five stars!

This young adult novel transports the reader to to antiquity and the fast paced adventures and battles of Alexander the Great . The story is told through the eyes of his famous horse, Bucephalus.

My 12 yo daughter loved this book. We got it for history reading--even though it is a novel, it does convey a sense of the time period and events.

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