Michigan author/farmgirl writes children's book to benefit Joy Beginners School—a slum school in Nairobi, Kenya

About the book:

A Pony Named Napoleon is a contemporary fairytale about a shy, lonely pony named Napoleon. Napoleon finds refuge on a picturesque farm in Michigan, which is already home to a curious and unlikely group of animal friends, such as a Kenyan zebra and a German horse. Unaccustomed to such diverse company, Napoleon feels as though he does not belong there, but when the zebra becomes endangered, Napoleon must decide if he can overcome his shyness, find the courage to rescue the unfamiliar, and restore the farm to peace and tranquility.

This real and adventurous account is accompanied by a series of fairytale-esque photographs, which bring a seemingly impossible set of circumstances to life. The story introduces analogies and inter-species interaction, with morals that address bullying, friendship, and acceptance.

In A Pony Named Napoleon, children and animal lovers of all ages will discover the meaning of home and community, while learning that differences are worth cherishing, celebrating, and sharing. The story is real, the farm exists, animals are magic, and when photographs suspend ordinary moments in time, fairytales can be found alive and well, even today. This book is proof.

All you have to do is open it.

About the author and the school:

Jennifer Suzanne Sulkowski is a farm girl, PhD student, actor, and writer from South Lyon, Michigan. All royalties from her new children’s book, A Pony Named Napoleon, are being directed to Joy Beginners School in Nairobi, Kenya, which is a slum school that takes in impoverished children and provides them with a primary school education. Jennifer visits several times a year to teach at the school and is trying to raise money on its behalf. Currently, the school operates without running water, electricity, and working toilets. Jennifer's goal is to build a new school with improved learning conditions and open it to accommodate any child in Kangemi slums, regardless of a parent’s ability to pay. Profits on each book sold go directly to this new school fund.

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