

Alice

an adventure of wonder and wondering

Welcome to Alice! This is NOT the story of Alice in Wonderland – this is the story of Keshet’s Alice, a brave girl exploring, imagining and adventuring.

Our story begins in Keshet’s “Wonderland” as characters go about their lives – some happy, some sad, some in a hurry, some with plenty of time on their hands to spend time with friends. Soon arriving to the scene is our beloved Mima Be, carried in by her wonderful Wonderland friends. As Mima Be greets her many admirers, the rain begins to fall - a signal for change and new adventure in Wonderland. Mima Be settles into her warm home by the fire, and suddenly, wouldn’t you know it, Alice tumbles right into Wonderland.

How did she get there? Where was she coming from? Did she find the tunnel to Wonderland on purpose or by accident? Did she fall asleep at the side of a riverbank and tumble down the tunnel landing in this magical place? These are questions left up to your imagination... however it happened – Alice is in Wonderland now!

Alice sees Mima Be’s warm house in the distance and rings the doorbell. Invited in and offered tea by Mima’s fire, she is enjoying herself tremendously as the house slowly transforms and she begins dancing with the walls, the coat racks, the fireplace, and the doorway. Alice immerses herself in the joy of movement, and Mima Be decides that Alice would

most certainly enjoy exploring more of Wonderland! Mima Be puts her house back together and together they step outside to meet the Mad Hatters and Mad Hares.

These Hatters and Hares are “Mad” in the crazy sort of way, never angry, just hilarious and always ready for a good time! Everyone is so happy to meet Alice! They invite her to join their tea party (people drink a lot of tea in Wonderland!) and when they are tired of tea, it’s time for a fashion show! Alice has never seen such fabulous fashions before, and certainly has never been in a fashion show herself!

As the Hatters and Hares leave to continue their never-ending party elsewhere, the winds pick up and she finds herself deep within Wonderland’s Earth, exploring the beautiful memories that are buried within. The Earth welcomes Alice and she joins them dancing and celebrating unlimited possibilities... anything can be!

The Earth introduces Alice to the Bohemians, a dramatic bunch who feel (and feel deeply) a full range of emotions. Sadness and despair transform to enthusiastic rock-n-roll abandon, while soon after joy quickly tilts to melancholy. Confused but engrossed by this thoroughly immersive range of emotions, Alice enjoys getting to know the Bohemians, but soon must say goodbye to her new, dramatic friends.

Alice ends up on a path alone, dancing and reflecting on her adventures thus far. Enjoying the time to listen to herself and her own thoughts, she once again stumbles upon the Bohemians, yet it seems their mood has shifted again. She’s not sure if she should be having fun or getting worried, when suddenly she’s zapped into a giggly trance by the Bohemians. Losing control of herself she leads a Bohemian parade, and ends up in the thick of curious Bohemians who are captivated by this Wonderland visitor.

As the last Bohemians are about to leave, they scurry in the opposite direction, running from the slowly approaching creepy forest – a new, different Earth is moving underneath Alice’s feet, bringing out fears and worries, casting her distorted shadow growing and shrinking as she herself feels uncertain about her path, her choices, and her ability to get out of this thick forest of negative, dark thoughts. Succumbing to the forest floor, Alice finally crawls her way out of this forest of fear and distrust, only to find that Mima Be has been searching for her. Mima knows that the creepy forest is a challenging place for a Wonderland visitor to endure and is proud to see that Alice faced her fears and made peace with her shadows.

Mima Be encourages Alice to fully explore her imagination... who knows what impossible things might be possible when this happens? Well, for starters – perhaps we can fly! After Mima Be shows her how this is done, she ushers in the seedlings of flowers showing Alice how some simple love can make each flower bloom. Alice and Mima transform every one of the seeds into a beautiful garden through which they dance and celebrate! They are soon joined by more Wonderland friends who joyfully believe in making the impossible possible, and encourage Alice to do so, too! Sending their love to Alice, she herself blooms, and begins to fly!

She gleefully thanks her Wonderland friends for showing her such a lovely adventure and finds her way back to Mima Be’s front yard where she began. With a kiss through the wind, Mima Be says goodbye to Alice, and Alice makes her way out of Wonderland, back through the tunnel from which she arrived.

Will she return to Wonderland? What will her next adventures be and where will they take her? Was this just a dream of a little girl named Alice who fell asleep at the side of a riverbank? Perhaps there is a Wonderland inside each one of us? The answers are up to you. But remember – anything can happen, anything can be.

