

From The Velveteen Rabbit series



Wisdom Of The Flower

Why The Velveteen Rabbit . . .

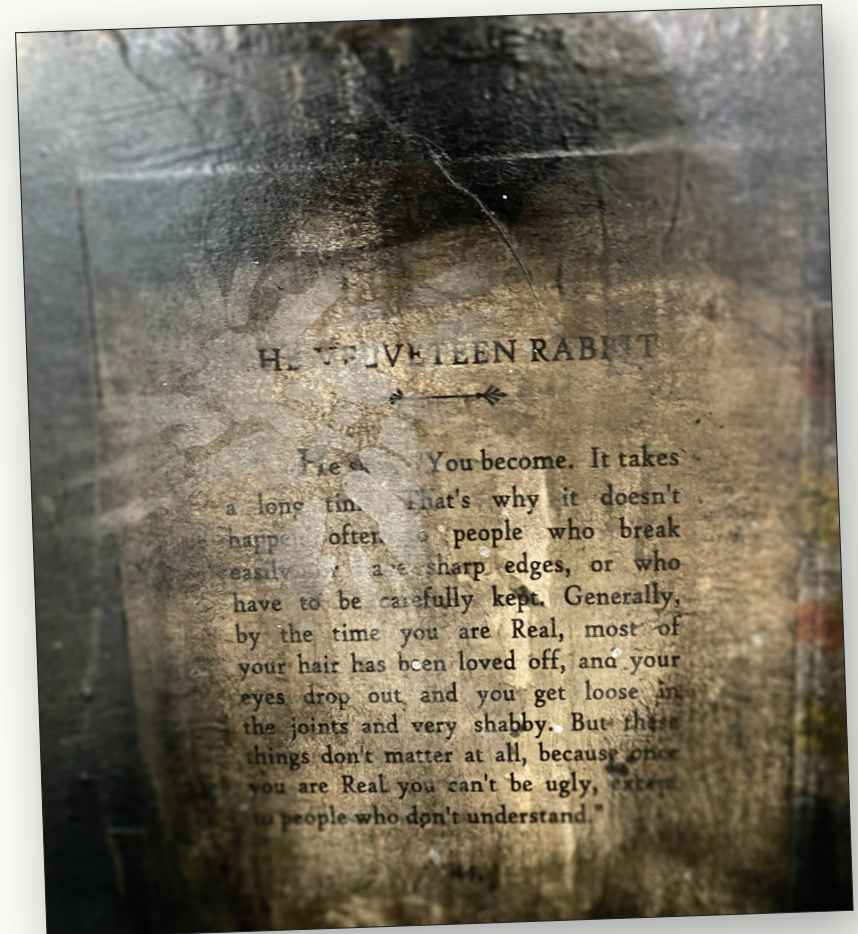
The story of The Velveteen Rabbit is a story of becoming Real.

Have you ever wondered what keeps you from being entirely real, authentic to yourself? The person who you've always longed to be?

What if I told you that the secret code to unlock this door is in a small act of a hug, a kiss or in a tear shed?

In the story of the Velveteen Rabbit, the toy rabbit in the nursery longs to become REAL, like the other rabbits he sees when he goes outside to play with the boy. He sees the real rabbits jumping and playing outside in the grass and among the wildflowers. He wants to become one with them. He wants to become REAL.

Then in the nursery, he seeks Wisdom from the Skin Horse who tells him that in order to become REAL he must be loved so much that his fur is rubbed off. He gets worn and patchy. Not so new and perfect looking anymore. Almost tattered because he was hugged so much from the boy. As the pages of the story turn, He is loved and treasured so much by the boy, that he does indeed become REAL just as the Skin Horse said.



But there was something missing . . .

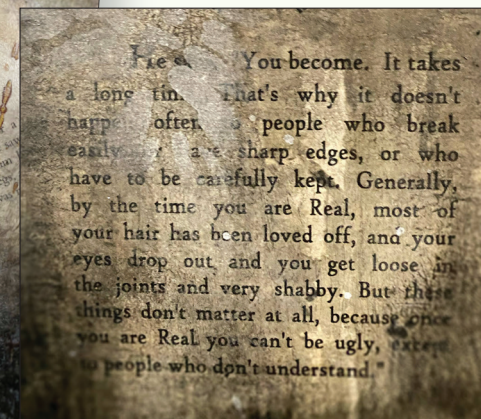


He was finally REAL, but for some reason he couldn't move his legs and jump like the other rabbits. And this hurt his heart so much that he couldn't join the others, that he shed a tear.

And when the tear hits the ground, out grew the most beautiful flower. And from the Wisdom of this flower, a Fairy Godmother appeared to him.

She held him as he cried and hurt, and said to him that "because you shed a tear and felt so deeply, now you can go be real like the others".

And she released her hug and then let him to go off to finally be REAL, and join the others to jump and play.



What it means to become REAL.

This story has always moved me. Isn't it so true, that when we can finally feel deeply, and love deeply, and be loved so much by those around us and love ourselves, that is when we can truly become REAL.

Finally we can be ourselves and feel connected to the world around us. And something so critical to the story...we can't do it alone. We have guides along the way through our journey of becoming who we are meant to be, informing us, offering wisdom and advice, and truly loving us for who we are. It's the secret to becoming who we are meant to be.

And the Skin Horse and then finally Fairy Godmother figure in the Flower had the code to unlock the door in the Rabbit's heart.

When we ourselves can discover this, we can feel totally comfortable in our own skin, jumping and playing, and finding JOY in life, and being who we are meant to be in this world. And becoming part of something much greater. Becoming REAL.

- *Sandra Meyer*

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because it's what it means to become Real.



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55x96x3
mixed media on panel
- Sandra Meyer

This is the third piece from Sandra Meyer's REAL series that continues to tell the story of the final stage of growth, The Wisdom Of The Flower. It leaves the viewer with striking images of the Skin Horse, the wisdom of a calming flower, and finally the healing tears of growth. Infused with original book pages, "Wisdom Of The Flower" shares the story of the The Velveteen Rabbit.