

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

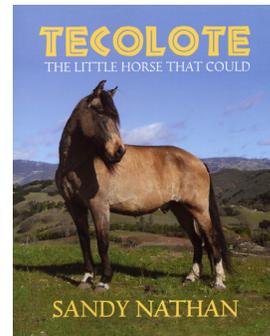


Barry Nathan,
publisher
A division of Vilasa
Properties LLC
Phone 805-688-6116
vilasapress@gmail.com

TECOLOTE

THE LITTLE HORSE THAT COULD

BY SANDY NATHAN



CALIFORNIA - *Tecolote: The Little Horse That Could* tells the story of a baby horse born too soon. While human babies can survive and thrive when they're born prematurely, young horses need all the time they can get *in utero*. A foal born only two weeks before his due date usually won't live. When Tecolote was born ten days early on a freezing night, the chances were that he wouldn't make it.

Tecolote: The Little Horse That Could tells the touching and remarkable tale of a young horse who beat the odds and overcame tragedy. For not only was he born early, his mother died when he was five months old. Alone and lonely, Tecolote searched for friends among the horses of Rancho Vilasa, his home. He needed humans who would acknowledge his special needs and provide for them.

And he succeeded. Tecolote grew to be a fine riding horse, sound and stable of body and mind. He's a happy and well-adjusted member of his herd. He is author Sandy Nathan's personal riding horse. "He's my buddy and the only horse on our ranch that I ride. He's an all-round good guy," says Sandy.

This charming little book provides inspiration for children and adults who must face loss and overcome obstacles. It showcases Tecolote's courage, but also the compassion of the people of Rancho Vilasa, who acknowledged his special needs and those of the other horses on the ranch and saw that they were met.

The book illustrated with photographs taken of Tecolote and his friends while the action was happening. It truly is Tecolote's scrapbook. The book is a warm invitation to his world.

"I absolutely loved this book! This is not just a story for children or animal lovers. And it is more than a story about a young colt who almost didn't make it, and how difficulties in life can turn into blessings. Through Tecolote's journey we feel the love of a mother for her child, (horse for filly and colt), how to find friends, play with them, and create mischief as well. And we see how, through losses in life, we find strength in ourselves and in others. I loved that the author used real photographs of the horses. This is a story for any age. I cried and laughed and marveled at all the ways love can be expressed in our lives."

Zippora Karz, author *The Sugarless Plum*. Ms. Karz had a 16-year-career as a dancer and soloist with the New York City Ballet, while living with type 1 diabetes

Vilasa Press • PO Box 1316, Santa Ynez, CA 93460 • vilasapress@gmail.com • vilasapress.com
Trade Paperback • ISBN 978-0976280996 • Publication Date: Jan. 1, 2011
Distributed to the trade through Ingram and Vilasa Press