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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 Michael Morpurgo’s War Horse and Anna Sewell's Black Beauty, 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 ebook includes an illustrated map of Alexander the Great's journey by artist Brian Sanders.

“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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