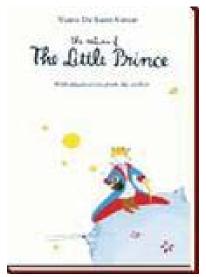
The Return of The Little Prince

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My book **The Return of The Little Prince** is not only what it appears to be - a sequel to **The Little Prince**, the whimsical story written by my uncle Antoine De Saint-Exupery, where myth and poetry mix with reality and speak to us of the Eternal in an innocent, childlike manner - but a true real to life testimonial account of that magic moment when the quest to find the invisible spark of life that gives meaning to everything there is happened in our lives, because his story as well as mine are both true.

I learned the hidden story behind **The Little Prince** from my aunt Consuelo De Saint-Exupery, an

extraordinary person and the inspirational Muse of Saint-Ex, the Rose of his famous fairy tale, who taught me not only to read **The Little Prince** in French, but also to see the essential meaning hidden behind the words. She talked to me about Saint-Ex: about his dream world, his airplane flights, of his moonstruck reveries, his airplane crashes and the spirit that helped him to survive them! Everything Aunt Consuelo taught me became part of what later on in my life helped me to find that secret hidden in **The Little Prince** that now illumines my life.

I remember. . . when I was a little girl, maybe six years old, I learned to read, know and love **The Little Prince**. I later learned that it was James Dean's bedside book. I never met him personally, but I read in a movie magazine that he considered **The Little Prince** his Bible. I wondered if what drew James Dean to **The Little Prince** was the same thing that I loved about it that in it was a road map to a true spiritual experience hidden behind simple words and childlike drawings. As is natural when one learns of things as a child, the same format of my uncle's book as well as his drawing style flowed out of me when I wrote **The Return of The Little Prince**, my story of how I searched for, and found, the Little Prince.

One of the things that moved me to write it, was that whenever I read the last page of my uncle's book, I was moved by his sadness and felt a sense of urgency within me to find the Little Prince and that lonely star landscape, so I promised myself that one day I would find the Little Prince and be the first one to let Saint-Ex know that he was back. As a result I learned early in life to close my eyes and search

with an open heart. **The Return of The Little Prince** is the fruit of my search. It has a happy ending as all good fairy tales do, for it happened that, one day, when I least expected it . . . I found the Little Prince! Thus I wrote my story, both as a direct answer to my uncle's plea to share the good news and to share the good news with all those who love **The Little Prince**, and as an Invitation to an incredible Quest to those who long to find their reality.