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A new book of fantasy tales about an adventurous minstrel.

Tales of a Minstrel by Tala Bar

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Follow the adventures of a minstrel named Finbar as he travels around the countryside telling his stories. Tala Bar tells this tale in nine vignettes, discrete stories that paint a vivid and compelling work.

Upland, CA – November 27, 2012 – Pelekinesis is proud to announce *Tales of a Minstrel* by Tala Bar, a collection of nine short pieces that weave a colorful and picturesque story, full of magic and fantasy.

Gayle Brandeis, author of *The Book of Dead Birds*, winner of the Bellwether Prize for Fiction of Social Engagement, and other novels says, "In *Tales of a Minstrel*, Tala Bar reminds us of the power of storytelling, and shows us that even in a world brimming with magic, the greatest magic of all is love."

The stories within *Tales of a Minstrel* describe magic and life and love, enchanted animals, dragons, and evil wizards as Finbar the Minstrel travels across time and great distance. The book concludes with an epic battle featuring Ofara the Witch, another of Tala Bar's intriguing characters, who calls upon Finbar to help defend the world against a wizard who seeks to destroy all witches.

"Tala Bar's knowledge of mythology and narrative structure is superlative," says Mark Givens, publisher at Pelekinesis. "Her writing is the perfect blend of ancient myth and contemporary fiction, recalling classical forms while maintaining a modern perspective."

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Tales of a Minstrel by Tala Bar is available from Pelekinesis, distributed by Ingram and available online.

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About Tala Bar

Tala Bar was born on a kibbutz in Israel. She lived in London for a time where she received an M.Phil. in Hebrew literature and later a BA in English. She returned to Israel to teach Hebrew and English languages and literature. She has a number of books, stories, and articles published in print and on the net, both in Hebrew and English.

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