



THE TOUCH OF SOMETHING WILD

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“While Kyra loved the horses at home, none of them were what you could call performance horses. They were just good, sensible grade horses – steady enough and reliable enough for both the beginner students, and for the challenged children who came to her mum’s therapeutic riding program.

“Kyra longed now for a horse with spark and fire. She longed for a horse with real potential. She longed, in her heart, for the touch of something wild.”

– from *Chapter One*

Seventeen-year-old Kyra and her widowed mother operate a riding stable in the rugged Canadian Shield. *The Touch of Something Wild* is the story of Kyra, her mother, and their fellow riders. It is also the story of Warrior, the iron-grey renegade horse that captures Kyra’s heart.

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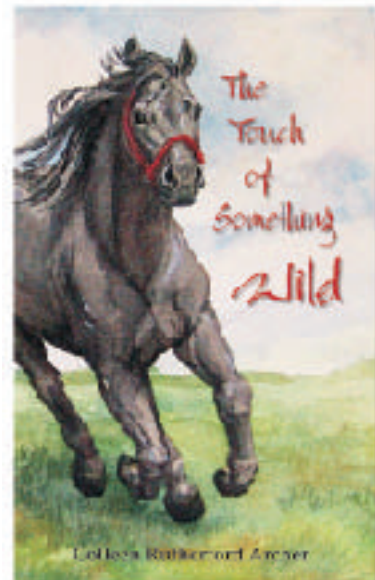
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