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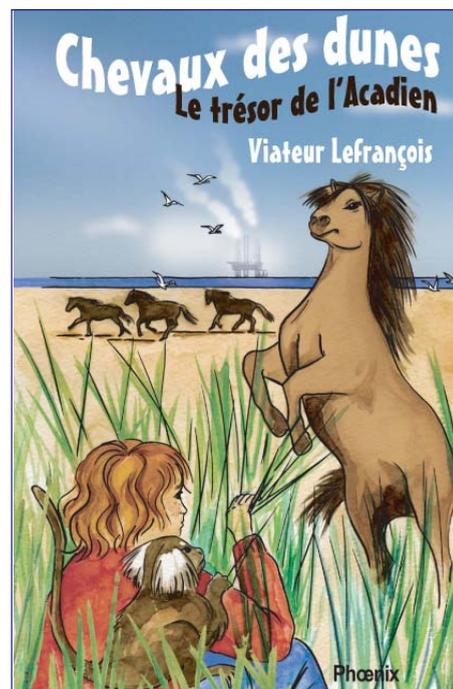
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Story (9 years and up):

Wild horses are free to roam on Sable Island, but their protection is a constant challenge for Captain Jack and his team, who have come to take a census. Confronted with treasure hunters, Jack, Mathieu and their friends face tragic and intense adventures.

Chevaux des dunes transports the reader to an island shrouded in fog where action and adventure meet. Is the ancient legend of a young Acadian having lived on the island simply a myth? Are the Sable Island horses protecting this mysterious shipwrecked Acadian?

Excerpt:

Montana, seul cette fois, sort de l'ombre. Il est tout près. La musique l'a charmé. Doucement, très doucement, Mathieu avance vers l'étalon. Ses oreilles s'agitent, témoignant plus de curiosité que de crainte. L'adolescent et la bête s'examinent, à cinq pas l'un de l'autre. Mathieu risque une autre enjambée. Montana ne bronche pas. Il élève imperceptiblement la main. L'animal, à son tour, ploie son cou puissant. La paume du garçon et le front du cheval se touchent, le temps d'une furtive caresse.

Puis Montana recule, fait volte-face et s'évanouit dans le noir.