Yokki and the Parno Gry

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Yokki is a young boy with a knack for telling imaginative stories. He belongs to a large family of travelers. When the livelihood of his family begins to be unsuccessful, Yokki lifts their spirits as they sit around the campfire and he tells them the stories about the Parno Gry. This mystical white horse can fly the family to lands where work is plenty and harvests are bountiful. This story helps spread cheer throughout the family—until one day the Parno Gry actually comes to visit.

Yokki and the Parno Gry is a traditional Romani tale. The author is a Romani storyteller, which gives insight to the culture and lifestyle of traditional traveling families. This story emphasizes creativity, new beginnings, and hope. Yokki inspires his family through creativity, and this spark of imagination ignites a hope for a better life. This book is appropriate for children ages four to eight. The illustrations are vivid and majestic. They provide a glimpse into the Romani culture and lifestyle as one turns the pages.