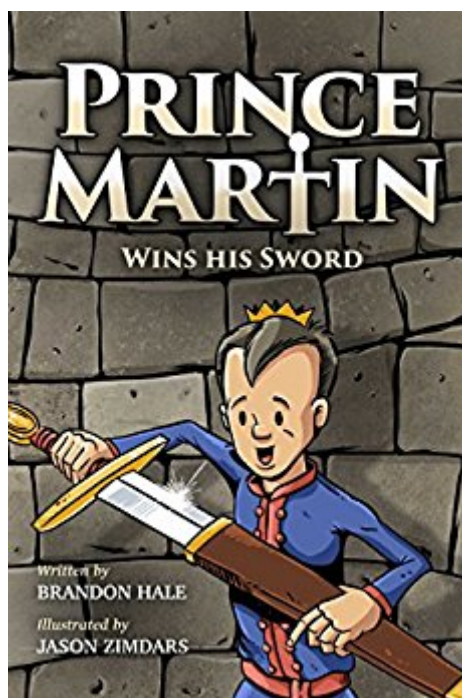


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Prince Martin Wins His Sword: A Classic Tale About A Boy Who Learns The True Meaning Of Courage, Grit, And Friendship (The Prince Martin Epic Book 1)



Synopsis

Admiring the ancient steel in the castle armory, Prince Martin longs for a sword of his own. But the King decrees his son must first prove he's brave, loyal, and true—the virtues of a knight. The boy gets his chance when the caw of a crow alerts him to a big trouble in the forest...From the safety of the trees, the boy spies four fearsome villains targeting an innocent victim. And the only thing standing between predator and prey is a courageous stranger—who could sure use a hand! Armed only with his wood staff and a rock sling, Prince Martin faces the hard choice: Should he help or go home? The boy had to decide! And just how much help could a mere kid provide? Featuring electrifying full-color art, this action-packed tale about a boy who learns the true meaning of courage, grit, and friendship embraces the heroic tradition of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Hobbit*. And what makes this classic children's chapter book truly unique is that it's subtly written in rhyming verse—a thrilling discovery if read aloud! With a great quest, high-stakes adventure, lovable heroes, and a mesmerizing cadence, this first entry in the new Prince Martin Epic series is sure to delight young readers. Kids ages 6-9.

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Customer Reviews

The story of Prince Martin Wins His Sword takes off at a gallop from the very first page. Throughout this moving and action-packed tale, I was met with a story with real stakes and a boy who wants to prove to his father who he is. By far the best scene is the "hide for hide" fight, or mass melee as I would call it, between four wild hogs, a helpless fawn, Sir Ray the fearless hound and the Prince. The scene is so artfully described through the author's precise tetrameter, I felt the fur, claws, stones and teeth flying around me in the chaos of battle! The prince's pilgrimage back to the castle is an act of sacrificial love for his new brave friend and beautiful to read. And could it be that in Sir Ray we have a new Reepicheep? I eagerly await the next installment of this adventure!

Having flipped through the book to look at the illustrations, I didn't realize at first that the story was written in rhyme because the story is formatted in prose. As I began reading to my three children, it took only a moment to realize the rhyming and meter and my initial thought was, "oh boy, how many forced rhymes am I going to have to endure?" Yet the longer I read, I was amazed at how smooth the read was. The rhymes didn't feel forced at all, and the story itself really began to shine through. It is a simple story, but it works well because it teaches specific aspects of character to kids using an easy to grasp real-life example. The illustrations were a great addition to the story as well, giving the smaller kids a way to further be immersed in the story. It is a short, 20-30 minute read out loud which is perfect for a bedtime story, and I certainly look forward to further adventures of Martin and Sir Ray!

This book is an absolute treasure, its value beyond compare, the author writes not prose but rhyme which is really quite a dare. I purchased this book after just a short look, wanting for grandsons something to read, inside is training in virtue and truth of which today there is a great need. The story does not race, but has a great pace, the illustrations are quite sublime. If you don't get this tome to train your child's dome, you should be found guilty of a terrible crime. Even though I dislike Mark Shea, you can trust what I say, not everyone can get along great. You should really get this book and read it quite often, it may improve a small child's fate.

This book was fantastic. My six-year-old daughter loved every minute of it. Her only complaint was that the next installment is not out yet. She can't wait to keep following the adventures of Prince

Martin and his new friend Ray. I have no doubt this first story will be re-read many times while we wait. From a parents' perspective, I loved how the virtues of loyalty and bravery were clearly explained and demonstrated. It was not heavy-handed, but it was also impossible for a child not to leave the book without a better understanding of what it looks like to live these two virtues out. I have long considered Rikki Tikki Tavi the best children's book for explaining and demonstrating bravery, but Hale gives Kipling a run for his money. Of final note: the illustrations are great. I wish there were more. Every time we came to one, we had to stop reading and closely examine the picture. Then, as we'd read on, my daughter wanted to re-examine the pictures to see if the new text had given her any more insight into the pictures. They were that good.

Brandon Hale has written a great children's book demonstrating courage, loyalty, and compassion. As I read it to my 7 year old grandson, he listened to every word. When we turned to the page with the pictures of the different swords he asked me to stop so he could get his two play swords to hold while I finished reading to him. He enjoyed looking at the illustrations and especially the one showing the different types of swords. The story touches on how hard it may be to decide to do the right thing, but Prince Martin chose to help Sir Ray showing he had courage, compassion, and loyalty. I highly recommend this book for your children or grandchildren. Looking forward to the next book. Trudy Maxey

I recently read this to my 9-year-old daughter. She really enjoyed how all of the sentences throughout the book rhymed. It is a very clever writing style and fun to read aloud to your child. It is also a fast-paced story that teaches good lessons about loyalty and self-confidence. Highly recommended.

This story and the artwork is absolutely fantastic. It is a well-written, inspiring story about virtue. Every Father should read this to his son(s). Well done! Can't wait for the next book in the series.

What a treasure for children! Courage, compassion, and joyful duty have returned in all of their compelling beauty. A must read for children with budding moral imaginations!!

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