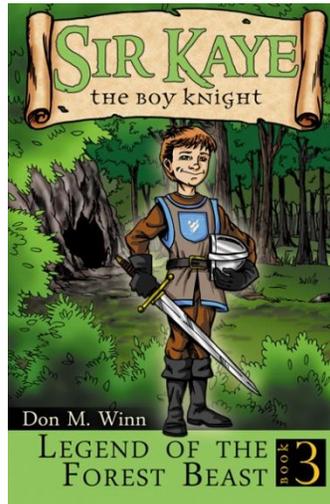


New children's novel teaches humility and bravery

Don M. Winn's new illustrated chapter book, 'The Legend of the Forest Beast,' continues the award-winning tradition of the Sir Kaye series with another adventure that will keep readers guessing until the very end.



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Austin, TX—*Legend of the Forest Beast*, the third novel by award-winning children's book author Don M. Winn, is now available in paperback through Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. This much-anticipated third installment to The Sir Kaye series—Winn's popular collection for middle readers featuring a twelve-year-old knight—will captivate young readers with its complex characters and beautiful illustrations.

Legend of the Forest Beast continues the saga of Sir Kaye with another non-stop adventure that begins when best friends Kaye, Reggie, and Beau, along with all the residents of Castle Forte, are worried for the safety of the beloved tutor, Alchir. Their search for Alchir leads the boys to a manor house at the edge of a dark forest where nothing is what it seems, and a legend of a deadly forest beast keeps the nearby citizens living in fear. More than just a fun adventure, the story highlights how bravery, humility, and thinking outside of the box are all important aspects of success and friendship.

Legend of the Forest Beast reveals new depths to familiar characters readers have already come to love and introduces new characters whose complexities add to the richness of the novel. Eager to make a name for himself, Kaye struggles to keep his sight on accomplishing his mission and learns to sacrifice his pride for the good of those around him. And it's Kaye's best friend Reggie's quick thinking that saves Kaye from a deadly situation without adding more violence to the issue. The story also introduces Layla, a fiery and outspoken girl whose intelligence and wit are often mistaken for rudeness. However, through her complex character, young readers learn not to judge people too quickly and to try to see what really motivates a person to act the way they do. *Legend of the Forest Beast* is a story about looking beneath the surface of others, oneself, and the systems that control everyday life.

About Author Don M. Winn

Don Winn is the award-winning author of the middle-grade chapter books *The Knighting of Sir Kaye*, and *The Lost Castle Treasure*. Additionally he has written ten award-winning children's picture books, including *Superhero*; *Space Cop Zack, Protector of the Galaxy*; *The Higgledy-Piggledy Pigeon*; *Twitch the Squirrel and the Forbidden Bridge*; and *Shelby the Cat*.

Winn has been writing for over 20 years. His whimsical poetry and prose served as a natural springboard for his transition to writing children's picture books. He enjoys speaking with children on school visits and at the students' request, he began writing books for older readers. This resulted in the launch of the *Sir Kaye* adventure series. Winn is a sterling example of tenacity and persistence (not unlike Sir Kaye). He has learned to cope with many obstacles, including dyslexia, in order to achieve his dream of being an author. He shares many of his personal experiences on his blog in the hope that they can be of help and inspiration to others. His books appeal to a wide audience, especially—but not limited to—struggling or at-risk readers.

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