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RANGER'S APPRENTICE

BOOK SIX: THE SIEGE OF MACINDAW

By John Flanagan

On August 4, 2009, Penguin Young Readers Group will publish **THE SIEGE OF MACINDAW**, the newest adventure in John Flanagan's acclaimed series, **RANGER'S APPRENTICE**. With more than one million copies sold in the U.S. alone, **RANGER'S APPRENTICE** is a *New York Times* bestselling series and international phenomenon, as popular with critics as it is with readers. The *Boston Globe* raves, "Flanagan has created a medieval-hero with a difference: he is more ninja than knight. Stealth, knowledge, knife and wit – these are apprentice Will's weapons, and they are a refreshing change from the usual sword and sorcery."

Like many epic tales, the **RANGER'S APPRENTICE** series began as a story passed down from one generation to the next. John Flanagan originally wrote twenty short tales to encourage his twelve-year-old son, Michael, to enjoy reading. The stories were about a foundling named Will who is adopted into the mysterious and secretive Ranger corps, a group that uses stealth, archery, and courage to defend the kingdom. John's son was hooked – and soon, too, were readers the world over.

In **BOOK 6: THE SIEGE OF MACINDAW**, the dramatic series continues: After years as an apprentice, Will is now the protector of his first fief. Not long into his service, everything that can go wrong does: Keren, a renegade knight, has taken over Castle Macindaw, a strategic gateway to the North—poisoning the royal family in the process—and is holding Will’s friend Alyss captive. The situation grows direr when Will uncovers Keren’s secret alliance with the Scotti, who have plans to destroy Araluen, Will’s home. Time is of the essence, and Will must recruit a motley crew to rescue Alyss and reclaim Castle Macindaw – before the Scotti can make it their own.

The fast pacing, cinematic battle scenes, sympathetic characters and heart-stopping drama will keep readers on pins and needles waiting for the next book in this hugely popular epic.

This fall, the **RANGER’S APPRENTICE** series will be on tour! The Striking Viking Story Pirates theater group will create an original interactive show based on the series that will tour the United States in support of **THE SEIGE OF MACINDAW**.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Flanagan’s bestselling adventure series, *The Ranger’s Apprentice* (www.rangersapprentice.com), was originally written as 20 short stories, aimed at encouraging the author’s 12-year-old son, Michael, to read. It’s come a long way since then, selling into 18 countries, appearing regularly on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and becoming a #1 bestseller in the author’s native Australia. John Flanagan, a former television and advertising writer, lives with his wife, Leonie, in the Sydney beachside suburb of Manly.

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