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The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! Several years have passed since the apprentice and his master, Will and Halt, first met, and Will is finally a full-fledged Ranger with his own fief to look after. The fief seems sleepy?boring, even?until Lord Syron, master of a castle far in the north, is struck down by a mysterious illness. Joined by his friend Alyss, Will is suddenly thrown headfirst into an extraordinary adventure, investigating fears of sorcery and trying to determine who is loyal to Lord Syron. As Will battles growing hysteria, traitors, and most of all, time, Alyss is taken hostage, and Will is forced to make a desperate choice between his mission and his friend. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, T.H. White's The Sword in the Stone, Christopher Paolini's Eragon series, and George R. R. Martin's Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire series.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! In the wake of Araluen's uneasy truce with the raiding Skandians comes word that the Skandian leader has been

captured by a dangerous desert tribe. The Rangers - and Will - are sent to free him. But the desert is like nothing these warriors have seen before. Strangers in a strange land, they are brutalized by sandstorms, beaten by the unrelenting heat, tricked by one tribe that plays by its own rules, and surprisingly befriended by another. Like a desert mirage, nothing is as it seems. Yet one thing is constant: the bravery of the Rangers. "Bringing together many favorite characters for a grand adventure, this book delivers both excitement and quiet good times." - Booklist Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, T.H. White's The Sword in the Stone, Christopher Paolini's Eragon series, and George R. R. Martin's Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire series.

The final, thrilling conclusion to bestselling author Anthony Horowitz's masterful series! For a moment, it looked like they had won -- the five Gatekeepers had united -- and then a deadly typhoon tore them apart, scattering them through the door and

In Skandia, there is only one way to become a warrior. Boys are chosen for teams called brotherbands and must en-

dure three months of gruelling training in seamanship, weapons and battle tactics. It's brotherband against brotherband, fighting it out in a series of challenges. There can be only one winner. When Hal Mikkelson finds himself the unwilling leader of a brotherband made up of outcasts, he must step up to the challenge. The Heron brotherband might not have the strength and numbers of the other two teams, but with inventiveness, ingenuity and courage on their side, they might just surprise everyone.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! For years, the Kingdom of Araluen has prospered, with the evil lord Morgarath safely behind the impassable mountains. For years, its people have felt secure. But the scheming hand of the dark lord has not been idle. . . . On a special mission for the rangers, Will and his friend Horace, an apprentice knight, travel to a neighboring village and discover the unsettling truth: all the villagers have either been slain or captured. Could it be that Morgarath has finally devised a plan to bring his legions over the supposedly insurmountable pass? If so, the king's army is in imminent danger of being crushed in a fierce ambush. And Will and Horace are the only ones who can save them. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! The renegade outlaw group known as the Outsiders may have been chased from Clonmel, but not before killing Halt's only brother. Now Rangers Halt and Will, along with the young warri-

or Horace, are in pursuit. The Outsiders have done an effective job of dividing the kingdom into factions and are looking to overtake Araluen. It will take every bit of skill and cunning for the Rangers to survive. Some may not be so lucky. The international bestselling Ranger's Apprentice series turns up the tension in John Flanagan's latest epic of battles and bravery. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

The fourth installment in the New York Times bestselling Brotherband series, for fans of *Lord of the Rings* and *Game of Thrones* Hal and his fellow Herons have returned home to Skandia after defeating the pirate captain Zovac and reclaiming Skandia's most prized artifact, the Andomal. With their honor restored, the Herons turn to a new mission: tracking down an old rival turned bitter enemy. Tursgud—leader of the Shark Brotherband and Hal's constant opponent—has turned from a bullying youth into a pirate and slave trader. After Tursgud captures twelve Araluen villagers to sell as slaves, the Heron crew sails into action. . . with the help of one of Araluen's finest Rangers!

Will and Maddie are imprisoned at Chateau des Falaises. Baron Lassigny is scheming to recruit them as spies for hire, but Maddie raises the stakes when she challenges Lassigny's garrison commander to a duel on horseback. Will is horrified – especially when he realises the treacherous baron won't fight fair. If Maddie can survive the duel, they still need to escape the heavily guarded chateau and rescue the kidnapped prince they were sent to retrieve. It will take all their ingenuity, courage and de-

termination to triumph this time – and to solve the mystery of who betrayed them. When the worlds of Ranger's Apprentice and Brotherhood cross over, action and adventure are guaranteed! King Duncan of Araluen has an urgent mission for Hal and the Heron brotherband. One assassination attempt on his daughter Cassandra was foiled - but the would-be killers are from the deadly Scorpion cult, and they won't be satisfied until they have completed their task. The Herons team up with Ranger Gilan to track the killers across the deserts of Arrida and infiltrate their mountain lair. But the Scorpion assassins are not the only threat the brotherband will face. A seaside battle is looming, and the Herons are called upon to help an old friend of Araluen in his fight. With their forces split between searing land and treacherous seas, can the brotherband complete their mission - before the killers find their royal target? Outnumbered but determined, the Herons are ready for action. The scene is set for an epic battle at sea . . . For years now, the Skandians have been the guardians of the Stormwhite Sea, stopping piracy wherever they find it. But there are some who don't like the Skandians' new role. When their enemies strike at the heart of Hallasholm, damaging every ship and stealing the pride of the fleet, there is one hope. Hal's ship, the newly rebuilt Heron, was being repaired so the attackers didn't find her. Hal and the Heron brotherband - along with the Oberjarl, Erak - set off to find Wolfwind. But when they discover the thieves are using Wolfwind to plunder ships and towns and blame the Skandians, Hal realises the pirates have a more sinister plan. The Herons take to the high seas in the action-packed eighth installment of the Brotherhood Chronicles, Brotherhood: Re-

turn of the Temujai from John Flanagan, author of the internationally bestselling Ranger's Apprentice series! The Herons are home in Skandia, but the usually peaceful country is in danger. The Temujai--ruthless warriors from the Eastern Steppes--have never given up on their ambition to claim Skandia for their own...and now they're on the move. Hal and his crew will have to brave the treacherous icy river and rapids to stop them, no matter the cost. Climb aboard with the Herons in Return of the Temujai the exciting eighth installment of the Brotherhood Chronicles!

From the author of the global phenomenon Ranger's Apprentice! They are outcasts. Hal, Stig, and the others - they are the boys the others want no part of. Skandians, as any reader of Ranger's Apprentice could tell you, are known for their size and strength. Not these boys. Yet that doesn't mean they don't have skills. And courage - which they will need every ounce of to do battle at sea against the other bands, the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race. The icy waters make for a treacherous playing field . . . especially when not everyone thinks of it as playing. John Flanagan, author of the international phenomenon Ranger's Apprentice, creates a new cast of characters to populate his world of Skandians and Araluens, a world millions of young readers around the world have come to know and admire. Full of seafaring adventures and epic battles, Book 1 of The Brotherhood Chronicles is sure to thrill readers of Ranger's Apprentice while enticing a whole new generation just now discovering the books. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, T.H. White's The Sword in the Stone, Christopher Paolini's Eragon series, and George R. R. Martin's Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire series.

The mare snorted, wild-eyed, and danced sideways as a dark shape launched itself at Kira, knocking her off her feet. It leapt on top of her, then a disfigured face thrust close, its lips drawing back in a macabre smile as hands tightened around her throat. With battles raging and Shargh warriors threatening the future of Allogrenia, gold-eyed Kira is forced to betray her every principle by requesting Tremen Protectors fight and kill to defend their homeland. As the sickening carnage continues, Ashmiri treachery threatens to deliver Shargh victory. Realising her love of Tierken is not enough to bridge the gulf between them and their respective people, Kira flees Terak. Reunited with Caledon, her companion of yore, Kira decides to make for her Tremen homeland. But as she and Caledon approach Allogrenia, Caledon's star vision fails him and they're confronted by Shargh.

The thrilling sixth installment of the best-selling Brotherband series from John Flanagan, author of the worldwide phenomenon *Ranger's Apprentice* When the Brotherband crew are caught in a massive storm at sea, they're blown far off course and wash up on the shores of a land so far west that Hal can't recognize it from any of his maps. Eerily, the locals are nowhere in sight, yet the Herons have a creeping feeling they are being watched. Suddenly the silence is broken when a massive, marauding bear appears, advancing on two children. The crew springs into action and rescues the children from the bear's clutches, which earns them the gratitude and friendship of the local Mawagansett tribe, who finally reveal themselves. But the peace is short-lived. The Ghostfaces, a ruthless, warlike tribe who shave their heads and paint their faces white, are on the warpath once more. It's been ten years

since they raided the Mawagansett village, but they're coming back to pillage and reap destruction. As the enemy approaches, the Herons gear up to help their new friends repel an invasion.

The Herons take to the high seas to fend off pirates and rescue the heir to an empire in the newest adventure from John Flanagan, author of the worldwide best-selling *Ranger's Apprentice!* Includes BONUS content--a brand-new *Ranger's Apprentice* short story featuring fan-favorites Will and Maddie! In Hallasholm, Stig is contesting the annual Maktig competition to decide Skandia's greatest warrior. But a late-night knock on the door brings someone Stig never expected to see again, along with a request the Herons are hard-pressed to refuse: a rescue mission of epic proportions. Across the ocean, the southern city-state of Byzantos is plagued by a crew of pirates who've kidnapped the son of Empress Justina. Slipping out of Hallasholm under the cover of darkness, the brotherband sets sail to recover the boy from his kidnappers, heading south to the island of Santorillos where a near-impenetrable fortress stands atop a cliff, surrounded by a lagoon—a caldera—formed by the crater of a volcano. In this explosive seventh book in the action-packed *Brotherband Chronicles*, the Herons battle pirates amid stormy seas as the fate of an empire rests on their shoulders.

John Flanagan, author of the bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice* fantasy adventure epic, delivers a second prequel to *Ruins of Gorlan*, the novel that started it all, with Halt and Crowley preparing for war against a near-unstoppable enemy When the former Baron Morgarath escaped to avoid punishment for treason, an uneasy peace fell on Araluen. But Morgarath, now in hiding, is already planning his next move, recruiting an army of sav-

age, overpowering beasts known as War-gals. Newly crowned King Duncan knows he must assemble his troops for battle. To find out the full extent of Morgarath's plan of attack, Halt prepares for a seemingly impossible task--climbing the deadly cliffs of the Mountains of Rain and Night and venturing deep into enemy territory to spy. After all, the winner of this war could be determined by one wrong move. At the Battle of Hackham Heath, the fate of a Kingdom will be decided. This origin story of how Halt came to be Araluen's most famous Ranger - and how war will decide the future of the next generation - will thrill Ranger's Apprentice fans and new readers alike.

Is maths making you miserable? Are you scared of squares and perplexed by primes? Do numbers leave you...non-plussed? Then it's time to be utterly amazed, as you're whisked off to infinity and back with *Numbers: The Key to the Universe*. Find out how you could win a million dollars and become famous for ever (twice), discover the key to the evil Professor's Fiendish Number Chain, and travel to a distant planet for the biggest gig in all eternity. Meanwhile, things get ugly when the gangsters meet the unlucky number 13. *Guarantee*: This book contains no nasty exercises and no boring sums!

Jesse Parker, ex-Denver police detective, has returned to his hometown of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to spend the winter working the ski patrol and taking it easy. But he is reluctantly dragged back into a world of violence and murder when a serial killer begins a killing spree in the sleepy ski town. The town's popular sheriff, Lee Torrens, a...

Lists of Note curates 125 unputdownable entries from a list of names that are as eclectic and intriguing as its contents,

which include myriad reasons given by ancient Egyptians for missing work, Albert Einstein's demands of his estranged wife, F. Scott Fitzgerald's extensive conjugation of "to cocktail," and many more. Rarely intended for the public eye, these lists reveal hopes, priorities, and musings in a most engaging and entertaining way. Each transcript is accompanied by an artwork, most a captivating facsimile of the list itself. Richly visual and irresistibly readable, *Lists of Note* is a testament to the human urge to bring order to, poke fun at, and find meaning in the world around us—and is a gift of endless enjoyment and lasting value.

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Hetta and Jenks Jenkins live a life many only dream of aboard their 42-foot boat in Mexico's hauntingly beautiful Sea of Cortez. But their chosen sea has a serpent: Mexico's out-of-control drug trade. After witnessing a drug-deal gone wrong, they set off a deadly chain of events that lands them in a sea of intrigue involving a best friend, the Mexican Federal Police, the DEA, US Coast Guard, the INS, and a nasty drug cartel. This fast-paced adventure is a must-read for anyone who has ever dreamed of cutting the lines and shoving off to adventure.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! When Horace travels to the exotic land of Nihon-Ja, it isn't long before he finds himself pulled into a battle that is not his - but one he knows in his heart he must wage. A kingdom teeters on the edge of chaos when the Nihon-Ja emperor, a defender of the common man, is forcibly overthrown, and only Horace, Will,

and his Araluen companions can restore the emperor to the throne. Victory lies in the hands of an inexperienced group of fighters, and it's anybody's guess who will make the journey home to Araluen. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

The Herons and Rangers join forces in order to stop the Scorpion cult and Iqbal from assassinating Queen Evanlyn after a previously unsuccessful attempt.

From international bestseller John Flanagan comes an explosive cat-and-mouse chase and high-stakes adventure across the high seas, set against the backdrop of the American Civil War.

Ranger Will's past is revealed in this story from the *New York Times* bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice*. Halt reveals to Will the story behind his parents' deaths and how he came to live at the Castle Redmont Ward.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! They have always scared him in the past—the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a *Ranger's apprentice*. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing. The exiled Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces for an attack on the kingdom. This time, he will not be denied. . . . Here is

the fantasy adventure that launched the *Ranger's Apprentice* series, an epic story of heroes and villains that has become an international phenomenon. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones / A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

From John Flanagan, author of the worldwide bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice*, comes a brand-new chapter in the adventures of young Skandians who form a different kind of family—a brotherband. When the Brotherband crew are caught in a massive storm at sea, they're blown far off course and wash up on the shores of a land so far west that Hal can't recognize it from any of his maps. Eerily, the locals are nowhere in sight, yet the Herons have a creeping feeling they are being watched. Suddenly the silence is broken when a massive, marauding bear appears, advancing on two children. The crew springs into action and rescues the children from the bear's clutches, which earns them the gratitude and friendship of the local Mawagansett tribe, who finally reveal themselves. But the peace is short-lived. The Ghostfaces, a ruthless, warlike tribe who shave their heads and paint their faces white, are on the warpath once more. It's been ten years since they raided the Mawagansett village, but they're coming back to pillage and reap destruction. As the enemy approaches, the Herons gear up to help their new friends repel an invasion. In this sixth book in the action-packed *Brotherband Chronicles*, the Herons find themselves in unfamiliar lands and prepare for battle with a ruthless, unknown enemy.

International bestselling author John Flanagan returns to world of *Ranger's Apprentice* in this new installment of the

Royal Ranger series starring Maddie, Will Treaty's fearless young apprentice. King Duncan and Princess Cassandra are trapped in the south tower of Castle Araluen and under near-constant attack from the Red Fox Clan. Sir Horace and Ranger Commandant Gilan are holed up in an old hill fort, surrounded by the enemy. And Ranger's apprentice Maddie is the only one who can save them all. With the help of Hal, Thorn, and the rest of the Heron brotherband, Maddie will have to break her father and his men out of the hill fort, but will they reach Castle Araluen in time? International bestselling author of the Ranger's Apprentice and Brotherhood series, John Flanagan returns in the captivating next installment of the Royal Ranger series: *The Royal Ranger: Duel at Araluen*. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien, Brian Jacques's *Redwall*, and George R.R. Martin's *Game of Thrones*!

From #1 New York Times bestselling author John Flanagan comes the story that brings the Ranger's Apprentice series full-circle and ushers in a brand new arc starring Maddie, the Royal Ranger! Will Treaty has come a long way from the small boy with dreams of knighthood. Life had other plans for him, and as an apprentice Ranger under Halt, he grew into a legend—the finest Ranger the kingdom has ever known. Yet Will is facing a tragic battle that has left him grim and alone. To add to his problems, the time has come to take on an apprentice of his own, and it's the last person he ever would have expected: Princess Madelyn, the daughter of Princess Cassandra. Will has to win the trust and respect of his difficult new companion—a task that at times seems almost impossible. John Flanagan returns to conclude the series that has conquered millions of readers

worldwide with this pulse-pounding adventure that brings one era to a close, ushers in the next, starting the series anew starring Maddie, the Royal Ranger. For fans of Tolkien, *Redwall*, *Game of Thrones*, and T.H. White, *Ranger's Apprentice* delivers fantasy-adventure thrills with real-world historical details. Praise for John Flanagan: "The last few years have seen the publication of many fantasies, but few have the appeal of this original story." —Booklist, starred review, on *The Ruins of Gorlan* "Fans of the series will eagerly devour this one and wait impatiently for the next . . . A sure bet for fantasy fans." —School Library Journal "Flanagan's deft character portrayals and well-paced story will engage readers, and the ending will leave them clamoring for the next volume." —Booklist, on *The Icebound Land*

#1 New York Times bestselling author John Flanagan returns to the world of *Ranger's Apprentice*, continuing the story arc starring fan favorites, Will and Maddie (*The Royal Ranger: A New Beginning*). Picking up where *The Royal Ranger: A New Beginning* left off, this next installment continues the story arc featuring young apprentice, Maddie, and the student-turned-master, Will Treaty. The time has come for the next generation to assume the mantle and become protectors of the kingdom of Araluen. After passing her third-year assessment as a ranger's apprentice, Maddie is called home to Castle Araluen. Forced to keep her ranger training a secret, Maddie feels trapped by the monotony of castle life and longs to find a way out. But there are whisperings of a new threat to the kingdom. The mysterious Red Fox Clan, a group of anarchists all donning fox masks, have threatened Castle Araluen and question Princess Cassandra and Madelyn's succession to the throne. Will

they succeed in unseating Cassandra and Madelyn and take the throne for themselves? Bestselling author of the Ranger's Apprentice and Brotherband series, John Flanagan returns in the captivating follow-up to *The Royal Ranger: A New Beginning*. Perfect for fans of Tolkien, *Redwall*, and *Game of Thrones*! Inspired by his millions of fans worldwide, many of whom wrote him emails and letters questioning the fate or the origin of some of the most popular characters and storylines from *Ranger's Apprentice*, John Flanagan decided to reward his loyal readers with a collection of stories answering these questions. In Book 11 of the *Ranger's Apprentice* epic, fans will see never-before-published stories featuring all their favorite characters, from Will to Halt, from Horace to Alyss. More than a companion book, *THE LOST STORIES* is, ultimately, a new entry in the series—and a tribute from author to reader.

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From the author of the global phenomenon *Ranger's Apprentice*! Hal and the Herons have done the impossible. This group of outsiders has beaten out the strongest, most skilled young warriors in all of Skandia to win the Brotherband competition. But their celebration comes to an abrupt end when the Skandians' most sacred artifact, the Andomal, is stolen--and the Herons are to blame. To find redemption they must track down the thief Zavac and recover the Andomal. But that means traversing stormy seas, surviving a bitter winter, and battling a group of deadly pirates willing to protect their prize at all costs. Even Brotherband training and the help of Skandia's greatest warrior may not be enough to ensure that Hal and his friends return home with the Andomal--or their lives. Perfect for fans of J.R.R.

Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

Matt is six years old when he discovers that he is different from other children and other people. To most, Matt isn't considered a boy at all, but a beast, dirty and disgusting. But to El Patron, lord of a country called Opium, Matt is the guarantee of eternal life. El Patron loves Matt as he loves himself - for Matt is himself. They share the exact same DNA. As Matt struggles to understand his existence and what that existence truly means, he is threatened by a host of sinister and manipulating characters, from El Patron's power-hungry family to the brain-deadened eejits and mindless slaves that toil Opium's poppy fields. Surrounded by a dangerous army of bodyguards, escape is the only chance Matt has to survive. But even escape is no guarantee of freedom... because Matt is marked by his difference in ways that he doesn't even suspect.

HONOUR BOOK: CBCA Book of the Year, Early Childhood, 2015 *Noni the Pony* is friendly and funny. She loves going down to the beach when it's sunny. With her two very best friends Dave Dog and Coco the Cat, and the cows from next door, it's going to be a wonderful day. Alison Lester's books are favourites with children and adults around the world. *Magic Beach*, *Imagine*, *My Farm* and *Are we there yet?* are Australian classics.

The international bestselling series with over 5 million copies sold in the U.S. alone! After years as a *Ranger's 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 Macin-

daw, 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 plunder Araluen. 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. This New York Times bestselling series maintains its breathless pace in this newest installment. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, T.H. White's *The Sword in the Stone*, Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* series, and George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire* series.

From John Flanagan, author of the worldwide bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice* -- an all-new adventure featuring the Brotherhood crew and one of our favorite Rangers! Hal, his Brotherhood crew, and the Ranger Gilan have freed the twelve Araluens sold into slavery. Returning to Araluen, Gilan is given a new mission by King Duncan: protect his daughter's life. Princess Cassandra has survived one attempt on her life already, and now whispers of a second attempt have reached the kingdom. A deadly sect known as the Scorpion Cult is thought to be behind the assassination threat. Not waiting to see if the knife will strike true, the Brotherhood again team up with Gilan to track down the would-be killers. In this fifth book in the Brotherhood Chronicles, old friends reemerge to take on new enemies as the worlds of *Ranger's Apprentice* and *Brotherband* join forces in battle!

A New York Times bestseller! From John Flanagan, author of the worldwide bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice* (soon to be a major motion picture)—the first in a new

prequel series featuring one of our favorite Rangers, Halt! When Halt and Crowley discover that the ambitious Morgarath has been infiltrating the Rangers in order to corrupt the Corps, the young Rangers travel north to find Prince Duncan, seeking a royal warrant to stop Morgarath before it is too late. By weakening the Rangers, the most powerful force in support of the King, Morgarath plans to steal the throne. Yet when Halt and Crowley arrive in Gorlan, they discover just how close Morgarath's scheme is to success. Morgarath has a plan to discredit the Prince and alienate him from his father. At the same time, the Baron of Gorlan has been conspiring to win the trust and admiration of the Council of Barons to further his plan. If the young Rangers are to prevent the coup from succeeding, they will have to tread a dangerous path, which leads them to a thrilling climax at the annual tournament at Gorlan, where a series of bitter duels must be fought and won. This origin story brings readers to a time before Will was an apprentice, and lays the groundwork for the epic battles that will culminate with *The Ruins of Gorlan* and *The Burning Bridge*—Books 1 and 2 of the *Ranger's Apprentice* series.

From the author of the global phenomenon and New York Times bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice*! Hal and his brotherband crew are hot on the trail of the pirate Zavac and they have one thing only on their minds: Stopping the bloodthirsty thief before he can do more damage. Of course, they also know Zavac has the Andomal, the priceless Skandian artifact stolen when the brotherband let down their guard. The chase leads down mighty rivers, terrifying rapids, to the lawless fortress of Ragusa. If Hal is to succeed, he will need to go beyond his brotherband training. He will need to challenge

the pirate one-on-one, knowing only one of them will survive. The epic series from Ranger's Apprentice author John Flanagan continues, delivering pulse-pounding adventure and fun. Perfect for fans of

J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, T.H. White's The Sword in the Stone, Christopher Paolini's Eragon series, and George R. R. Martin's Game of Thrones/ A Song of Ice and Fire series.