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Author Bio:

Dr. Sproles, award-winning author and screenwriter, poet, sculptor and songwriter, endeavors to create exciting stories and characters for young adults or find heroes in our culture to bring to his reader's attention. He has a life-long love affair with the fantasy/science fiction genre and loves sharing that affection to enrich the lives of his readers as well as himself. Dr. Sproles endorses and promotes creative pursuits to all who will listen. Using all tools available, Dr. Sproles believes that the power of writing is to help readers visualize what is written and stimulate their imagination.

Sproles is currently writing the sequels to his first two books, as well as two adult historical fiction books. He is currently sculpting all the characters in his book *Billy Bedivere* to give his readers the author's rendition of what they might look like. At some point those may be available as toys. He is developing an interactive section on his website that may include video games using his books as the design.

In his spare time he loves to golf (at war with writing). He is supported by his loving wife, Sarah, an author herself, and their son, Brady, and his daughters Marisa and Alana.

Billy Bedivere in the Quest for the Dragon Queen



“Billy wipes his eyes, takes a big breath.... tries to memorize this amazing scene: Hansel and Gretel, the big shiny lamp, pixies, flowers, snails, trolls, even a dragon. “Wow, nobody’s ever going to believe us.” Billy looks down at the gold coin in his hand. “Then again, maybe they will..”

from Billy Bedivere in the Quest for the Dragon Queen

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Billy Bedivere in the Quest for the Dragon Queen

Short Description

Would you like to leave on a camping trip poor and come back rich? What if that meant encountering a vicious, huge, blue bunny, a big, black bear, man-eating trees or a two-headed dragon guarded by giant spiders? That’s

what happened to Billy Bedivere on a weekend camping trip with his dad and friends. Warned by his dad not to cross the creek, Billy does just that when he hears the call for help coming from inside a large cave. Billy, the good scout, goes in the cave alone and is swept into another world: the Kingdom of Legends. It appears to be a one-way trip until he acquires some very strange and even famous characters as friends along the way. Billy must grow up fast if he is to survive and conquer the biggest challenge of his life and return home. He's just a normal suburban kid, but he'll need to be a man, a hero, for he must defeat the Dragon Queen! Does he have what it takes? In his fight to return home, his life will change forever and reveal something even more shocking... which will change everything *again!*

Billy Bedivere in the Quest for the Dragon Queen

Long Description

How many kids would like to leave on a camping trip poor and come back rich? But what if that meant fighting a vicious, huge, blue bunny, or a big, black bear, or man-eating trees or a two-headed dragon guarded by giant spiders? That's what happened to Billy on a weekend camping trip with his dad and friends. Told by his dad not to cross the creek, Billy does just that when he hears the call for help from inside a large cave in the side of a cliff. Billy, the good scout, goes in the cave alone concerned that someone was in trouble. As he moved deeper and deeper into the cave, Billy falls into a vortex that sweeps him into another world.

It is a brilliant but very strange place. It appears to be a one-way trip until Billy acquires some very strange and even famous characters as friends, starting with a rose that has been calling out for help because a large bunny had been eating her kind. Rose informs Billy that the only person who can help him get home would be the genie, and tells Billy how to find him. On the way Billy encounters Hansel and Gretel, who accompany him on his journey. After their near fatal encounter at the chocolate house of the witch, they make it to

the genie and are informed that the only way home is by defeating the Dragon Queen, a two-headed dragon at Flagara's house of Sad Faces.

Billy must grow up fast to survive and conquer the biggest challenge of his life and return home- if he can. Does he have what it takes? He's just a kid, but he'll need to be a man if he's going to defeat the Dragon Queen. But first, his life will change forever thanks to his new friends- a droll named Sparkie, a pixie named Pippy and a talking dragon named Dreadon, to name a few. Billy succeeds in getting through the Dark Forest and to Flagara's house of Sad Faces, where the great dragon is protected by a horde of giant spiders. The Dragon, Billy learns, was once a princess that was cursed by another very evil witch. But Billy's fight to return home reveals something even more shocking- and that will change everything all over again!

Customer Reviews

*5.0 out of 5 stars*A big "wow" for this book

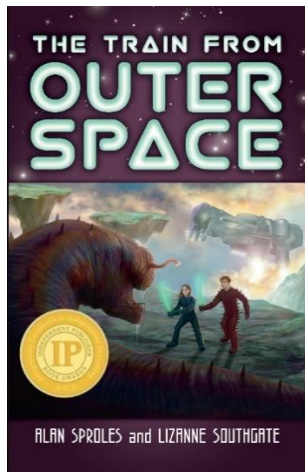
Another exciting book by Dr.Sproles! I enjoyed it very much. Can't wait for his next book!! By [Amazon Customer](#) on May 25, 2016

Format: Kindle Edition

Very imaginative book. I read with my 13 year old daughter and she really enjoyed the characters and storyline. Franky was for sure our favorite character! Can't wait to read Billy Bedivere by Dr. Sproles." -Amazon Customer ★★★★★

BILLY BEDIVERE tells a compelling story not bogged down in world building while also giving enough information for readers to piece together a new, delightful setting. It is still an exciting read with no dull moments. BILLY BEDIVERE is a fun, imaginative romp that is great for all ages. ~IndieReader.

The Train from Outer Space



"Brady looked at his sword and grinned. Too bad his dad hadn't seen him do that. His mom would have freaked out, but she would have been proud of him. Even Mr. Tibbetts would have been impressed. Brady realized that he missed three of them."

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A tween underachiever finds himself an unwitting player in an intergalactic game to save the planet. Last night, Brady found a train, tunnel and a mountain in his backyard that wasn't there the day before. Then the tiny alien appeared. Now, he finds himself caught in a war between a little alien who doesn't want to answer any questions, and a terrifying monster who pursues it. Before he can figure out what to do, one of the intruders alters Earth's place in the universe and Brady is forced to seek help of a conspiracy nut Sheriff and

the science teacher who's dating Brady's mother. Now Brady, best friend Frankie, and the tiny alien race through space, battling monsters and searching for a way to reverse Earth's fatal trajectory. But just as they find the answer, Brady discovers he is only a pawn in a much larger game. Now it's up to him and his friends to figure out how to save the world before the game is over....forever!

The Train from Outer Space **Long Description**

Brady lost his father over a year ago and is still coping by refusing to care about anything anymore. He's failing in school, rejecting the efforts of his friend Franky to help him and lashing out at his mother for dating Brady's science teacher, Mr. Tibbetts.

Then his dog, Skip, hears something outside one night and Brady follows him out into the darkness where they find a strange bio-mechanical train which tries to run over Brady. He escapes with Skip only to find that Skip has stolen something off the train, a strange, dark, glowing tube.

Brady's mother doesn't believe his tale, so he calls Franky and together they find the tiny alien (Lil Dude) hidden in the tube. As Brady and Franky try to figure out what to do with this strangely recalcitrant little creature, a larger alien, Rotaxis prowls the neighborhood, looking for the stolen tube.

And although Rotaxis has a perfectly competent, shape changing, wise cracking, personal assistant, Chimera, he refuses her offers of assistance and in doing so, manages to send Earth through a wormhole. Brady and Franky wake the next morning to see a lime green sky, three suns, and a string of planets now on a collision course with Earth. When neither Mr. Tibbetts or the conspiracy nut sheriff, Sheriff Joe, can figure out what to do, Brady grows desperate. And when Rotaxis manages to hunt them down, Brady and Franky steal his shape shifting train space craft and head out into the galaxy with Lil Dude and (unbeknownst to them) Chimera, to search for the Wormhole Reverser that will save the planet.

As Brady navigates through the galaxy, he regains his confidence and remembers what his father said about taking responsibility. As the voice of the still unseen Chimera guides them safely toward their destination, Brady bonds with the ship and begins to suspect that the tale Lil Dude has told them is not the entire truth.

After an excursion to another planet where Brady and Franky face incredible creatures, some of whom want them for supper and others who re-open their hearts, the kids find the Wormhole Reverser. But on the journey home, Brady discovers that Lil Dude not only intended to destroy the Earth, but that it is all part of an inter-galactic game. And now Brady is part of it, and must win at all costs. Franky and Brady return to Earth, where, with the help of Mr. Tibbetts, Sheriff Joe and the real Rotaxis, Brady races against time to save the world. And when the battle is over and the Earth returns to its normal orbit, Brady wants nothing more than to go home and start his real life again. Too bad that somewhere in the galaxy, Brady's name appears on the game board...and another game is just about to begin.

Awards:

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E7. JUVENILE/YOUNG ADULT FICTION E-BOOK

BRONZE (tie): *Crisanta Knight: Protagonist Bound*, by Geanna Culbertson
(BQB Publishing)

The Train from Outer Space, by Alan Sproles and Lizanne Southgate
(BookBaby)

Customer Reviews

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#)Fast paced adventures of Earth's heroes - Five Stars!

By [Bill](#) on May 25, 2016

Format: Paperback Verified Purchase

The fast paced adventures of Brady and Franky transcend the realms of Earth, outer-space and the unknown. This unlikely combination of heroes and their efforts to unravel the mystery of their galactic visitors makes this a difficult novel to put down. Five Stars in my book! ★★★★★

By [Amazon Customer](#) on May 14, 2016

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"Dr. Sproles writes family friendly fare great for all ages!"

-Jeff (Amazon.com) ★★★★★

Great writing! I can't wait to share this book with my Grandson."

-Cheryl R. (Amazon.com) ★★★★★

THE TRAIN FROM OUTER SPACE is a fun and exciting ride, chock-full of weird imagery and punctuated by some well-earned moments of true emotional weight. ~IndieReader

Purchase Links:

Billy Bedivere in the Quest for the Dragon Queen: A Kingdom of Legends Adventure

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Press Interview Questions:

1. What ignited your desire to write middle grade books for your first writing experience?
2. What obstacles did you encounter on the way to getting your books published?
3. Did you have any previous writing experience?
4. What advice do you have for someone thinking about writing a book?
5. What do you consider the best and worst part of writing?
6. Do you do any other creative activities?
7. What do you do when not writing?
8. What future writing projects are you working on?