

# CHRISTOPHER HEALY

## AUTHOR VISIT TO RIDGE SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

### ABOUT THE BOOKS



It's 1883—the Age of Invention! A time when great men like Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Nicola Tesla, and George Eastman work to turn the country into a land of limitless opportunity. And it all happens at the world famous Inventor's Guild headquarters in New

York City—a place where a great idea, a lot of hard work, and a little bit of luck can find you rubbing elbows with these gods of industry who will usher humanity into the future. Unless, of course, you're a woman. Molly Pepper, daughter of brilliant but unknown inventor Cassandra Pepper, lives with her mother in New York...they toil and dream of Cassandra taking her place among the most famous inventors in America. In an attempt to find a way to exhibit Cass's work at the World's Fair, they break into the Inventor's Guild, where they discover a mysterious plot to destroy New York. The evidence points to the involvement of one of the world's most famous inventors, and now it's up to Molly, Cassandra, and a shop hand named Emmett Lee to uncover the truth—even if no one will ever know it was they who did it.



In the first volume of the Hero's Guide saga, we meet Prince Frederic, Prince Liam, Prince Gustav, and Prince Duncan — better known as the Princes Charming who rescued Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel, and Snow White, respectively — and find out that these men are

far more (or less) than the cardboard cutout heroes we've heard tales about. Rejected by their princesses and cast out of their kingdoms, these four men bond over their shared anonymity and band together to battle witches, goblins, trolls, bandits, and giants in order to save each of their kingdoms from a diabolical plot. And by the end, with any luck, they may finally become the real heroes they were always meant to be.

...when the princes discover that an object of great power might fall into any number of wrong hands, they are going to have to once again band together to stop it from happening—even if no one will ever know it was they who did it.



We are delighted to announce that award winning children's author Christopher Healy will visit Ridge School on Monday, October 29 to discuss his new book, *A Dastardly Plot* as well as other titles. The author will be speaking to students in grades 3 - 5.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read, and we have arranged for both students and teachers to purchase autographed copies of their books. Please consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of an autographed book.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Christopher Healy is the author of *The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*, a New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice, as well as its two sequels, *The Hero's Guide to Storming the Castle* and *The Hero's Guide to Being an Outlaw*. Before becoming a writer, he worked as an actor, an ad copywriter, a toy store display designer,



a fact-checker, a dishwasher, a journalist, a costume shop clothing stitcher, a children's entertainment reviewer, and a haunted house zombie. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, two children, and a dog named Duncan. You can visit him online at [www.christopherhealy.com](http://www.christopherhealy.com).

### ABOUT THE BOOKS CONTINUED



Posters plastered across the thirteen kingdoms are saying that Briar Rose has been murdered—and the four Princes Charming are the prime suspects, along with Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, and Lila. Now they're on the run in a desperate attempt to clear their names. Along the way, however, they discover that Briar's murder is just one part of a nefarious plot to take control of all thirteen kingdoms—a plot that will lead them across the ocean, through a scorching desert, and to the doorstep of an eerily familiar fortress for a final showdown with an eerily familiar enemy.

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**The order deadline is Friday, October 12**

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