***The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom***

**Grades 3-5**

By Christopher Healy

### Annotation

* Many people have read the stories of Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Snow White, and Rapunzel, but few readers have thought about the princes involved in each story. There wasn’t one “Prince Charming,” there were four men with very distinct personalities. This book tells the story of how each couple met and the challenges each of them faced. This new twist to traditional fairy tales provides a different point of view for every event. Be prepared to laugh and wonder how each of them became the main character in timeless tales.

**Book Talk**

* The four Prince Charmings connected to Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Snow White, and Rapunzel face their shortcomings as they try to save their princesses and kingdoms. Each prince has his own distinct personality and story to tell. Along the way, the group meets a variety of other interesting characters such as a scary dragon, a giant, and a Bandit King. Be prepared to laugh a lot as the four men figure out how to save their kingdoms and the princesses.

**Book Trailers**

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85cfjLnkJgM>

### Author on the Internet

* Author’s Website: <http://ChristopherHealy.com>
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### Realia/Display Items

* Crown
* Chapter 23, Page 314 Troll Puppet

### Food

* Chapter 1, Page 22 Picnic food - hot dogs, potato chips, brownies.

**Book Charm**

* Crown: <http://www.fitnessfinders.net/Honor-Crown-p/111-honorcrown.htm>



### Background Knowledge

* Read versions of *Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, *Snow White* and *Rapunzel*

**Book Club Discussion Questions**

1. The princes feel misunderstood. Have you ever felt misunderstood?
2. The princes wanted to feel successful. When do you feel successful?
3. In this book, friends work together to accomplish a goal. When have you worked with others to accomplish a goal?
4. The bards wrote songs. Could you write a rap on a song about this book?

**Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

* *Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi (A Math Adventure)* by Cindy Neuschwander and Wayne Geehan. Lexile 510
* Biographies of Prince Harry and Prince Willliam.

**What to Read Next**

Other recommended books in a similar vein:

* *Twice Upon a Time #2 Sleeping Beauty, the One Who Took the Really Long Nap* by Wendy Mass
* *The Hero and the Crown* by Robin Mckinley. Lexile 1120.
* *The Hero’s Guide to Storming the Castle* by Christopher Healy (sequel to *The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf9IdQBeT0I>

**Additional Resources**

* Interview with the author: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq0OhnW8IW0>