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Editorial Review

Review

“An action-adventure set in 12th-century England, this is an appealing read filled with bows and arrows, sword fights, and the like. Roland, “taller than most of his age and sturdily built,” is forced to flee his home in Kinder Scout after the horrible murder of his father, Rolf, at the behest of the Earl’s son...By celebrating Roland’s courage and bravery, the author gives audiences an engaging hero they can easily root for.” ~ Publishers Weekly?

From the Author

Longbow is the first book in the *Saga of Roland Inness* series. I actually began telling this story to my two sons when they were middle and elementary school ages, but as they demanded more adventures from my hero Roland, I found it too hard to spin a coherent tale of this length right from my head. So I began to write the stories down and it became a bit like an old Saturday matinee serial. After several months of weekly installments, I went back and looked at what I had done and it struck me that I had the "bones" of a book.

From that point onward, I began to actually write the story of Roland Inness and his longbow as a novel.

The second book in the series, *Warbow*, is nearing completion and I expect to publish in early 2015. That novel takes Roland and his companions to the 3rd Crusade and back again to England.

About the Author

Wayne Grant grew up in a tiny cotton town in rural Louisiana where hunting, fishing and farming are a way of life. Between chopping cotton, dove hunting and Little League ball he developed a love of great adventure stories like Call It Courage and Kidnapped.

Like most southern boys he saw the military as an honorable and adventurous career, so it was a natural step for him to attend and graduate from West Point. He just missed Vietnam, but found that life as a 2nd LT in an army broken by that war was not what he wanted. After tours in Germany and Korea, he returned to Louisiana and civilian life.

Through it all he retained his love of great adventure writing and when he had two sons he began telling them stories before bedtime. Those stories became his first novel, *Longbow*. *Longbow* is the first book in the *Saga of Roland Inness* trilogy. He is well along on his second novel, *A Knight for Kinder Scout*, which takes Roland and his companions to the 3rd Crusade and back again to England. It will be published in the spring of 2015.

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