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In the days of King Arthur there stood a mighty oak tree within the walls of a castle. Peace reigned in the castle until the fearsome night when Lionel, longlost brother of Lord Weldon, returned to cause trouble and unhappiness.

It was then that Shan, the son of Lord Weldon, took on the duties of a knight and hid the sword in the hollow of the giant oak. The days that followed were filled with adventures that tried the courage of the young boy.

Shan was surprised by bearded robbers in the woods. He met noble knights in plumed helmets, and eventually he even made a trip to high-towered Camelot. His story is filled with the pageantry and color of England in King Arthur's time. It creates a vivid picture of the Knights of the Round Table and the wisdom of King Arthur himself.

Mr. Bulla captures the spirit of those romantic days in a straightforward, exciting manner. The result is another delightful book for his wide audience of young readers. Paul Galdone's vigorous illustrations are as evocative as the text.

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Pam says

BOB Racine 2014-15. Short chapter book set in Arthurian times. Although knights are referred to a lot, this does not have a lot of action. For early chapter book readers, plot is very simplistic.

Erin says

Read this book aloud with my 9 year old daughter. It is quick and light. I would think boys would like this book better than girls. Which is good to find a book for boys. Shan is a very likable character. It is too bad that in life we have to have proof before we are believed. What happened to honesty and integrity. I always like it when good wins and bad loses.

Lisa says

A chapter book for young readers that tells the story of a young boy in medieval Britain who travels to King Arthur's castle in Camelot to ask the king if he'll help get rid of his unscrupulous uncle who has taken over his father's castle and usurped it as his own.

Laura Osborne Vogel says

My five-year-old son is currently very interested in knights and we had this book recommended to us by a friend. I started off reading two chapters at bedtime like we normally do with longer books, but the first night he begged me to keep reading, and then the second night he begged even harder! We ended up finishing the final eight chapters in one sitting. This is the story of a young boy named Shan, who was brave and true to himself, as well as loyal to his family. The chapters are a great length for younger children and the story-telling is interesting enough to even hold an adult's attention. I was just as anxious to read the next chapter as my son was! Highly recommend for read alouds or independent reading for any child around 5 and up.

Angela says

Izzy LOVED it!

Roy says

A very well written children's chapter book! Adventure, mystery, twists and more set in King Arthur's England.

Jc says

An interesting twist to King Arthur and the desire to right a wrong.

Mary Ellen says

This is like a first grader's first introduction to every plot involving feudalism. Evil brother takes over and the good knight saves the day. I think my kids will like it, but there certainly isn't anything original about The Sword in the Tree.

Stephen says

Join 11-year old Shan on an exciting journey to escape death and restore peace to Weldon Castle. This is a wonderful introduction for kids to the medieval world of knights, kings, peasants, and fair maidens.

Lauren says

"This book is about a boy named Shan. Shan has a father and his uncle tried to kill his father. And then the uncle took away the castle. Shan and his mother ran away. Shan met a knight who helped him. My favorite part is when Shan spent so much time with his mother." - Leo, age 5 ?

Amanda Medlin says

From Jack (age 7)...I thought it was an interesting book because it brought me excitement and made me want to finish the book. I was just reading one chapter a day and then I wanted to finish the book because it got interesting in the last 4 chapters so in one day I read 3 chapters.

Kristen says

An evil uncle's plan to take over his brother's kingdom and it is up to the son to regain the kingdom.

Teachers can use this book to teach students about kingdoms, kings, queens, monarchy, loyalty, betrayal, and family. Teacher's can use this book to teach students how to have hope despite difficult circumstances.

Students will like this book because the main character is a young boy who faces difficult trials but must

remain hopeful and brave. Students will be able to relate to the young boy and make text-to-self-connections. Students will enjoy the adventures and surprises that this book brings.

Elizabeth Heath says

Historical Fiction book- Shan a son of a Lord goes on a journey to see King Arthur because his wicked Uncle took over his kingdom.

Corinne Edwards says

This book makes me want to cheer. My 7.5 year old has been ready to move into chapter books with a thicker plot, but thicker plot usually means chapters that are a bit too long. Enter this perfect book. There's knights and castle intrigue, a mute wise man and King Aurthur himself. It's exciting and engaging but on just the right level for him. Every chapter has an illustration and the vocabulary was totally accessible for him - except for the names. He had to ask a couple times about that, but there you go. I don't really feel like I can complain about that.

Anyway, I tried to get him to read a chapter or two a day but some days he read three or even four. The choices and personalities of the characters led to some interesting moral discussions about loyalty and hospitality. I purchased this study guide to help me dig deeper and while some parts were a bit too old for him, a lot of it was just right. I made him write some and dictate some and I think it rounded out the experience a lot.

In the end, this was a great starter chapter book for my boy and the story was interesting enough to keep me interested as well. With all the knights and swords you could hope for, I highly recommend it for children who are on the verge of breezing through Magic Tree House type books.

Molly says

This was a really good book! My mom was reading it to my younger siblings (ages 5 & 7) *This book is for ages 7-10* she loved it so much that she wanted me to read it. It took me 55 minutes to finish it and I would recommend it to anyone who loves books about medieval times. 5 stars!

(PS: Yes I know that I'm reading a children's book, yes I know I'm turning 18 in 2 days. Do I care? Apparently not. lol)
