



***The Last Ride Of Caleb O'Toole* MPIBA READING THE WEST BOOK AWARD winner!**

"The fast-paced adventure serves up a hearty history lesson with side dishes of political, social and environmental commentary. **Realistic and complicated characters give the familiar story of the pioneer's journey fresh life. A suspenseful adventure with heart.**" —*Kirkus Reviews*

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Imagine you are a young boy or girl and are given a task so daunting and dangerous that your very lives depended on working together to overcome all odds in order to succeed in the end. Perhaps you must run a gauntlet of British spies and escape a notorious prison ship in order to get a secret message to George Washington that could turn the tide of the Revolutionary War. Or fulfill the dying wishes of your mother and find yourself galloping on horseback along the Oregon Trail one step ahead of a bloodthirsty gang of murderous thieves that are bent on seeking revenge.

I write what I call action adventure historical fiction for Middle Grade readers and I love to make history fun for the kids. My characters rely on wits, brains, and learn the skills necessary to accomplish near impossible tasks. Along the way they meet historical figures in historical and well as fictional events. I have visited classrooms all over the country. I provide an interactive power point presentation, bring up eager volunteers, talk about the history of the times, and do a reading from a chapter. I have presented to single classrooms as well as hundreds of kids at a time in large venues. I am also a professional actor and it is fun for the students to kick off my sessions with a little Q&A about films and television shows I have done that they have seen.

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