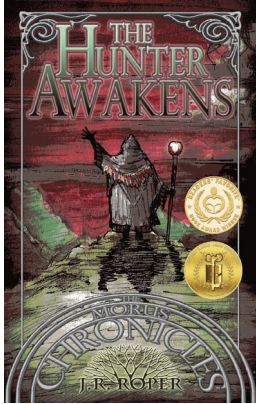


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# THE MORUS CHRONICLES

## Middle Grade Fantasy | By J.R. Roper



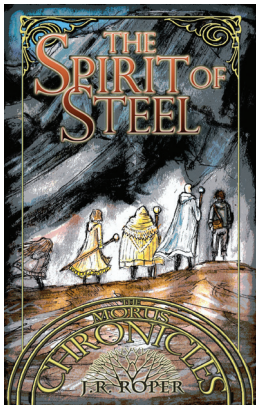
### THE HUNTER AWAKENS

2015 Readers' Favorite Award  
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When thirteen-year-old Ethan Morus is forced to stay on his grandparents' old farm, he expects to find weathered barns, rusty tools, and a creaky house in need of fresh paint. What he doesn't expect is to hear a legend placing his family at the center of an ancient treasure hunt. Or find burial chambers protected by poltergeists, or a secret lair guarded by an ancient beast. And least of all, Ethan doesn't suspect that powerful sorcerers are watching his every move.

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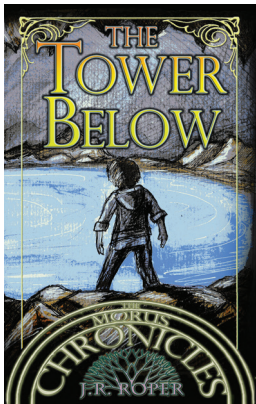
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At the start of summer, no one, including thirteen-year-old Ethan Morus, knew that he'd been born with a treasure hunting instinct. Now that summer has ended, all groups desiring power are either seeking Ethan's services or hoping to end his young life. Although he has pledged his allegiance to the Light, even they are leery of training him for fear the Dark may lure him to their side.

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## THE HUNTER AWAKENS

Chapters unwind with the grace and power of an epic . . .

~D. DONOVAN, SENIOR REVIEWER, MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW

With a perfect blend of family secrets, magic, and the calling of a quest, Roper weaves a tale that will thrill the middle grade reader searching for adventure between the pages.

~SARAH J. SCHMITT - AUTHOR OF IT'S A WONDERFUL DEATH

There has been a void since the Spiderwick Chronicles Series, Percy Jackson Series and Harry Potter Series ended. I feel the beginnings of a "void filling" series.

~GLADYS, NERD GIRL OFFICIAL BOOK REVIEW

The Hunter Awakens was a beautifully written and creative tale which kept me glued to the pages.

~CAMEO RENAE, USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

J.R. Roper knows how to keep a reader in good suspense with an even distribution of action and compelling characters. He will take preteens on an exciting adventure in The Hunter Awakens.

~MICHELLE STANLEY FOR READER'S FAVORITE

Roper's natural writing style sweeps the reader into this riveting story, daring his audience to join the hunt in this action-packed adventure.

~LITERARY CLASSICS REVIEW

This story is definitely one that will have you captivated from the start. Roper is amazing at world-building .

~YA LOVE MAGAZINE

Middle grade treasure hunters will love the mystery, magic, and adventure in The Hunter Awakens.

~LIZA WIEMER, AUTHOR OF HELLO?

On every level, this novel is a great read —and I can't wait for the Morus Chronicles to continue!

~KELLY O'DELL STANLEY, AUTHOR OF PRAYING UPSIDE DOWN

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## THE SPIRIT OF STEEL

Foreboding dangers threaten from the first chapter and move out in ever-widening circles; but one thing is constant: the action, characterization, and vivid insights that keep The Spirit of Steel moving along at not only a fast pace, but a cut above your usual adventure saga.

~ D. DONOVAN, SENIOR REVIEWER, MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW

The story is very well developed with characters that are charismatic and unforgettable . . .

~ MICHELLE STANLEY FOR READERS' FAVORITE

# PRAISE FOR THE MORUS CHRONICLES

## THE SPIRIT OF STEEL CONTD.

J.R. Roper has created an exciting read with a well developed cast of characters and strong role models. Readers are treated to loads of action and adventure in this book in which fierce battles are depicted in an age appropriate, non-graphic manner. The Spirit of Steel is a terrific work of fantasy fiction with enchanted places and magical travel, bringing the thrill of this epic tale to life.

~ LITERARY CLASSICS REVIEW

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## THE TOWER BELOW

If you've read The Morus Chronicles to this point, you know that J.R. Roper weaves a magical tale with expert precision. He has a unique ability to bring the elements of myth, fantasy, and reality together to create a captivating story for people of all ages. The Tower Below is no different.

~SHELLEY, #NERDGIRLRED, NERD GIRL OFFICIAL REVIEW

You've gotta love any book that has you rooting for and believing in the unlikely hero; on the edge of your seat, nervous and angry at the despicable villains; laughing out loud at the snarky comments from the little sister—and which leaves you thinking about the characters long after you put the book down. In other words, what is there not to like about The Tower Below?

~KELLY O'DELL STANLEY AUTHOR OF DESIGNED TO PRAY & PRAYING UPSIDE DOWN

Replete with strong characters and evocative encounters . . . *The Tower Below* is every bit as powerful and well done as the preceding books in the series.

~ D. DONOVAN, SENIOR REVIEWER, MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW

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## THE SILVER SPEAR

There are so many moments that tugged on my emotions, moments I thought I had it figured out and I was SO wrong, moments that are forever etched in my heart and mind. This was the perfect ending to a remarkable series!

~SHELLEY CUSTER, #NERDGIRLRED, NERD GIRL OFFICIAL REVIEW

Teen readers of fantasy will certainly want to have this book's predecessors under their belts, for it builds strongly upon prior events and characters to reach a crescendo of confrontation that provides a satisfying and riveting conclusion to their adventures.

~ D. DONOVAN, SENIOR REVIEWER, MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW