

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, stories have been written and told of heroes, mythical creatures, and mighty acts of valor. These stories have withstood the test of time because of their recognition of all that is best in mankind; bravery, integrity, compassion, and persistence. But they are also a tribute to the greatest true story of all time — God’s story of salvation for this world.

The fantasy genre today is built upon the foundation that has been laid by these classical works of antiquity and the Gospel truth which they parallel. However, as the secular world drifts further away from God’s will for His children, that foundation is becoming cracked and brittle...

The Hero and the Dragon is a must read for anyone who struggles with deciding if fantasy fiction is right for them or their children. This book explores many of the common elements in the fantasy genre, examining how they can be used to teach spiritual truths — and how they can be abused to lead young people into spiritual darkness.

Andrew Boll has taught literature in a Christian high school for seven years, often fielding questions from parents who are concerned about their children reading fantasy fiction. He and his wife Mindy enjoy classical literature and fantasy books, movies, and games, as do their two children, Aiden and Aria. In educating their children, Andrew and Mindy have found classical and fantasy literature to be an invaluable source for instilling Christian values and characteristics in their children, but occasionally also a source of hidden dangers.

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