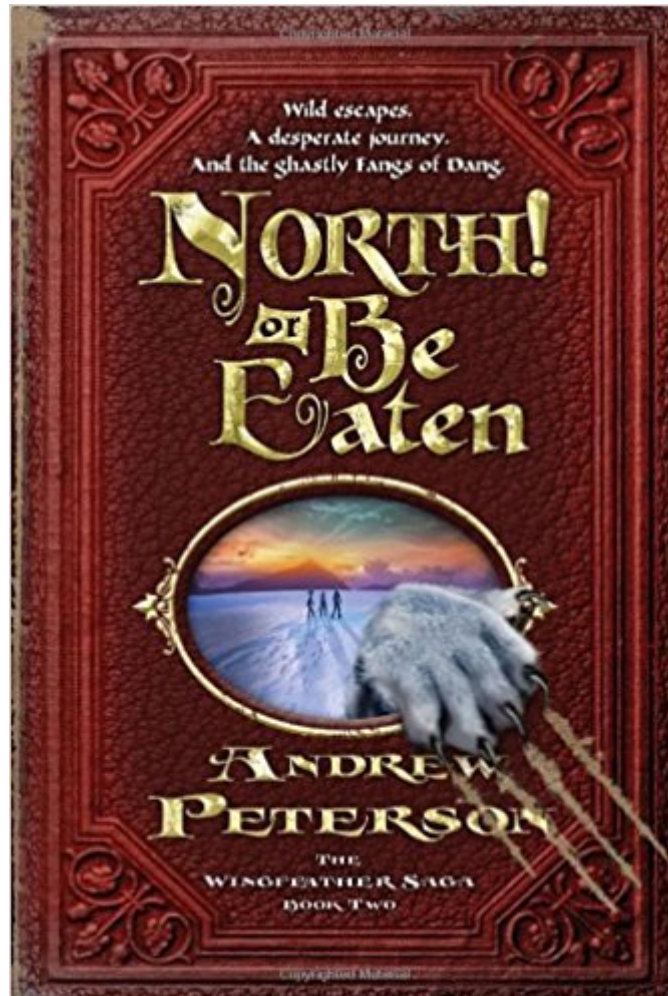




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Synopsis

Janner, Tink, and Leeli Igiby thought they were normal children with normal lives and a normal past. But now they know they're really the Lost Jewels of Anniera, heirs to a legendary kingdom across the sea, and suddenly everyone wants to kill them. In order to survive, the Igibys must flee to the safety of the Ice Prairies, where the lizardlike Fangs of Dang cannot follow. First, however, they have to escape the monsters of Glipwood Forest,¹ the thieving Stranders of the East Bend,² and the dreaded Fork Factory.³ But even more dangerous are the jealousies and bitterness that threaten to tear them apart, and Janner and his siblings must learn the hard way that the love of a family is more important than anything else.

1. All possessing very sharp teeth.
2. Murderous scoundrels, the lot.
3. Woe!

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Praise for North! Or Be Eaten – “Peterson deserves every literary prize for this fine book. It is obvious that his musical talents have been put to good use as his use of words, plot and narrative read like a well scored film script. A very fine book, by a very fine writer and future talent. Amazing - thrilling and well worth reading again and again.” – G. P. Taylor, New York Times best-selling author of Shadowmancer and The Dopple Ganger Chronicles – “Toothy cows are very dangerous. Andrew Peterson convinced me and shivers run down my spine at the very thought of meeting a toothy cow face to face. The author spills characters like Podo and Nurgabog onto the

page, then weaves a tale of danger that holds the reader captive. Believe me, you will relish being held captive by this master storyteller. But be sure you don't get caught by the Stranders. Those people just ain't civilized.

—Donita K. Paul, author of *The Vanishing Sculptor*

“In a genre overrun by the gory and the grim, Peterson's bite-sized chapters taste more like a stew of Gorey (Edward) and Grimm (the Brothers). *North! Or Be Eaten* is a welcome feast of levity--and clearly a labor of love. Andrew Peterson has awakened my inner eight-year-old, and that is a very good thing.

—Jeffrey Overstreet, author of *Auralia*

—Cyndere

“An immensely clever tale from a wonderful storyteller - filled with great values and even greater adventure!

—Phil Vischer, creator of *VeggieTales*

“Thrills, chills, spine-tingling mystery, and lots of smiles. It's not easy to combine heart-pounding danger with gut-busting laughs and make it work, but Peterson pulls it off. For readers who want nonstop action infused with powerful, life-changing themes, *North! Or Be Eaten* is a must-read.

—Wayne Thomas Batson, best-selling author of *The Door Within Trilogy*, *Isle of Swords* and *Isle of Fire*

“Andrew Peterson is a gifted storyteller, scene painter and wordsmith who takes you on a rollicking white-water ride of adventure. Readers of all ages are sure to find *North! Or Be Eaten* worthy of a big mug filled with a favorite beverage and a cozy nook near a crackling fire for hours on end. Here there be tales within yarns within stories. Listen, reader, bend your ear, but keep an eye peeled lest the dreaded Fangs of Dang be near!

—R. K. Mortenson, author of *Landon Snow* and *The Auctor's Riddle*

Andrew Peterson is the author of *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness*, Book One in the *Wingfeather Saga*, and *The Ballad of Matthew Begats*. He's also the critically-acclaimed singer-songwriter and recording artist of ten albums, including *Resurrection Letters II*. He and his wife, Jamie, live with their two sons and one daughter in a little house they call The Warren near Nashville, Tennessee. Visit his websites: www.andrew-peterson.com and www.rabbitroom.com.

This is not a wimpy book for young adults. It's robust. I marked hopeful for the mood of the book because in the end it is the predominant mood, however dark comes in a VERY close second, especially for the whole section of the book dealing with Dugtown and the fork factory. This section brought myself, an adult woman, and my husband to tears and weighed down our hearts, even though it's fictional, because the types of things described in it are very very real in our world. If you

want your kids to have a faith that can face the horrors of a fallen world and not shrivel, then this book (and series) is a good tool in that effort. Just make sure you are around to talk through the themes, images and ideas that are raised in it's pages.

I did not expect to fall so in love with this series! My husband and I wrapped up "North, or be Eaten!" and purchased the last two books of the series the next day. (Even though this is technically a children's series, it has enough action, drama, twists, and lessons to entertain adult audiences as well.) This is the second book of the Wingfeather Saga and I recommend reading the first book before this one, but I think it would still make sense if this had to be your starting point... But if possible, do start with "On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness." Anyways....I suppose what makes this books for me was the characters. I wish I could meet some of them! From major characters to minor, they are well built; perfectly flawed; and even with their extremes, somehow believable. There's not the typical trio of perfect and wise main character, goofy sidekick, and a love interest. The story itself was great fun and kept my husband and I guessing. While dark at some points, or a tad scary in others (Tilling Court! Gosh!!! That was horrifying, lol!) there's nothing here that wouldn't be fine for families. The Igiby siblings, though obviously not ordinary, are still a wonderful example for children to learn from.

We've now read all 4 of the Wingfeather Saga books and while I love them all (and think the ending is just brilliant), I think this one is my favorite. The pace at the beginning of the book was a little exhausting as I was so nervous for Janner and crew but it slowed down and allowed time for the characters to have to face some extremely tough decisions. Not all of them made good choices, sadly, and we watch the family suffer the consequences. I'm so glad to have read this book with my children. The ending was the first book that's ever made me cry (the 3rd and 4th books in this series were the 2nd and 3rd... darn Andrew Peterson!). If you like an exciting adventure and deep themes, read this series all the way through. I can't imagine anyone not falling in love with the Wingfeathers as much as my family of 6 did.

We just finished this second book in the Wingfeather Saga tonight. The kids and I could NOT sleep without finishing off the last three chapters, all at once! I cannot recommend this book enough. It kept us on the edge of our seats until the very end ~ and we took it with us on many of our summer vacations because we could not leave home without it. The children have embraced this series as a beloved friend. They bounded off to bed tonight asking a million questions about getting our hands

on book 3, wondering what the title would be, coming up with their own title ideas, and trying to ponder what it will be about! And that is why I'm here....I hopped on to buy the next book in the series via prime's FAST shipping...and to stop and tell all of you that yes....you NEED to own these books!! They WILL become classics! They are worth every penny, and beautiful on the shelf to boot. For those of you who are already big Wingfeather fans-- did you know there are maps of Aerwiar for sale on the Story Warren website? I found that tonight--and didn't even flinch to buy one on the spot for my sons' bedroom!! So that they can follow the adventures as we go along. A great big map, instead of the tinier maps that are printed inside each book. Thought I'd share that little tidbit! (There are a limited number of maps left--so get there QUICK if this makes you as giddy as it made me!)

I read this series to my teenage daughter when she was little, and recently purchased the entire series on kindle to read again. I still love the series and would give it 5 Stars. However, I'm reducing this to 4 Stars because the formatting for the second book is not nearly as effective for the Kindle App as the first book was. If you've read any of these books, you know that the author puts in lots of footnotes, which are usually very funny and important to the story line. The kindle edition of the first book handles the footnotes perfectly. Each time there is a line that has a footnote, there is a link that jumps you to the appropriate footnote, and then a link back from the footnote to the line in the story that referenced it. In the remaining three books, the kindle edition does not handle the footnotes well. There is a link to jump you to the footnotes at the end of the chapter, but there is no way to get back to the line that referenced it except going back page-by-page.

Fantastic book series! We've read the first two and are eagerly awaiting the next. We love all the characters, the action, the magic. We especially love it because, while not explicitly written as a Christian book, the content does not disparage or dishonor God. The characters also occasionally "pray to the Maker" or say "thank the Maker." It is very similar to The Narnia tales in imagination, and drama. Most of the novel is narrated by the oldest brother, Janner. His inner dialogue makes it very easy for my son to identify with what the character is going through. Another bonus is the short action packed chapters with lots of suspense. It makes for an easy read-aloud and eager listeners for what happens next in the saga.

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