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Author's Bio

Kevin Franz is the author of the successful children's fantasy series, the Castle Rose Adventures, published by Starbell Books in Plainfield, Illinois. The first book of the series, *Into the Hidden Lands*, was released in February of 2004, and serves as an introduction into the mythical world of two young princesses who discover and amazing new land of excitement and mystery.

Praised for its lavish illustrations, interesting footnotes and detailed maps, *Into the Hidden Lands* cleverly combines the realism of medieval castle life with the myth and magic of classic fantasy. Now in its second printing, the book won a loyal following of young adventure readers. The much anticipated sequel, *The Underwater City*, was released in June of 2004 to an eager audience, and the third installment in the series, *The Affaire at the Faire*, is scheduled for a November 2004 debut.

Born and raised in West Allis, Wisconsin, Kevin received a Data Processing degree in 1984 and moved to Naperville, Illinois to design telecommunication software for AT&T Bell Laboratories. His love and talent for writing eventually led him away from software design and into technical documentation, where he still spends many of his non-fiction hours. The birth of his daughters in 1993 and 1996 rekindled a love of storytelling, and eventually produced the original bedtime stories that would evolve into the Castle Rose Adventures.

In 2003, Kevin created his own publishing company, Starbell Books, and self-published his first work of fiction. Kevin is also an accomplished speaker, and regularly presents his Creative Writing Workshops to young audiences throughout Illinois and Wisconsin.

Kevin currently lives in Plainfield, Illinois with his wife Denise, daughters Rachel and Lisa, and son Michael.