

# MATT MYKLUSCH

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Matt Myklusch is a middle-grade fantasy / adventure author and the creator of *Seaborne* (Egmont USA) and *The Jack Blank Adventures* (Simon & Schuster).

When he's not busy writing about kite-boarding pirates, superheroes, and robot-zombies, Matt hosts *The Other Side of the Story Podcast*, speaking with other writers about their creative process and path to publication. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and family.

Matt's new book, *Seaborne: The Lost Prince*, introduces Dean Seaborne, a young boy raised by pirates and forced into a life of crime.

When Dean runs afoul of the Pirate King, he is given one last chance to redeem himself before he gets thrown to the sharks. His orders are to find and steal the treasure of Zenhala, a mysterious island where gold grows on trees. Dean infiltrates the island posing as its legendary lost prince, but the longer he stays in Zenhala, the more he questions his mission--and himself.

Forced to undergo intense and fantastical trials to prove his royal lineage, Dean can't help but wonder if he really is the lost prince he's pretending to be. With sea serpents, assassins and danger on all sides, he might not live long enough to find out.



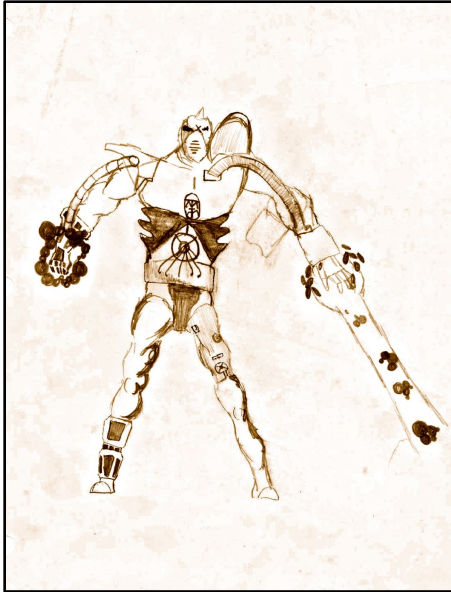
Matt's *Jack Blank* trilogy has been described as a cross between Percy Jackson and the Avengers.

The books follow the adventures of Jack Blank, a young orphan with no knowledge of his past, who discovers he comes from a secret country filled with superheroes and super-villains. It turns out Jack has an amazing ability... one that might make him the greatest hero in the world, or the biggest threat it has ever faced.

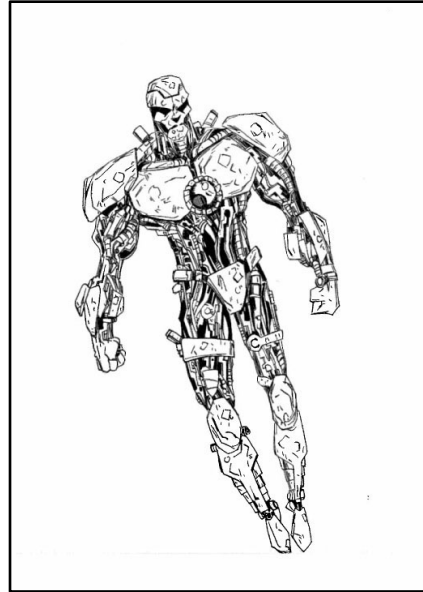
Books 1 - 3, *The Accidental Hero*, *The Secret War*, and *The End of Infinity* are all in stores now.

In his school visits, Matt goes into detail about his books, but he also tells students *his* story and how he came to write them. His career path includes some interesting detours at Columbia Pictures and MTV Networks.

Matt stresses the importance of believing in yourself, following your dreams, and never giving up— a recurring theme in his novels. His presentation includes artwork from his childhood, allowing students to see how his skills and characters have developed from their age to his.



A character from the Jack Blank books (drawn in Elementary School)



A character from the Jack Blank books (drawn in College)

Matt has spoken to thousands of children in schools and libraries. He has also spoken at festivals such as the New York and San Diego Comic-Cons, and other educational conferences.

If you would like Matt to speak at your school, or have additional questions, please feel free to reach out using the contact form on his website.



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