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New tween series fuses fantasy with reality in time travel adventures

***BlackHeart's Legacy* by Sally Copus lends a lesson in history to readers through a boy's odyssey to 1692 and the days of pirates**

LEXINGTON, Mo. – *BlackHeart's Legacy: Book 1 of The Odyssey of Jon Sinclair* by Sally Copus intends to merge historical facts with time travel, fantasy and adventure for tweens and young teens in this first book of a series. “Today, history is dying in our schools; partly because when it is taught, some books are boringly filled with only dates and statistics,” says Copus. “In my books, history not only lives, but lives vibrantly, thriving with excitement.”

BlackHeart's Legacy follows young Jon Sinclair and his grandmother on their time travel journey to Port Royal, Jamaica in 1692. Jon is kidnapped by pirates, forced to work as a cabin boy aboard the ruthless Captain BlackHeart's ship, and his grandmother attempts to search for him by disguising herself as a male galley cook aboard the ship of BlackHeart's archrival.

Meanwhile, in 2010, Jon's grandfather becomes worried when Jon's time travel machine returns empty. He becomes even more concerned when he discovers where and when Jon and Jon's grandmother have landed in history: right before an earthquake and a 60-foot tidal wave is destined to destroy the pirates' island hideout. In a race against time, Jon's grandfather sets out to rescue his family, time traveling to Port Royal and hiring passage aboard the Chinese ship of the barbaric Chum Lee.

Copus is currently researching for *In Search of Atlantis*, the follow-up book to *BlackHeart's Legacy*. The final book in the series, entitled *The Islands*, will be set in the 24th century and will culminate with the revelation of the origin of the time travel vessel and its ties to Jon and the Sinclair family.

BlackHeart's Legacy: Book 1 of The Odyssey of Jon Sinclair is available for sale online at Amazon.com and other channels.

About the Author

Sally Copus, formerly the CEO of a large direct marketing firm, now focuses on a career in writing. She was inspired to write the Jon Sinclair series as entertainment for her four grandchildren, ages 6 to 12. Copus lives with her husband in a pre-Civil War home overlooking the Missouri River in historical Lexington.

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