

Russell Lunsford, Adventurer

With the school year quickly approaching, students are likely finishing summer reading logs and preparing to get their minds back into the learning groove. To help accomplish both, pick up Russell Lunsford's historical adventure books for a fun family read-aloud or for an intermediate student to romp through on his own.

Lunsford, originally from Louisville but now splitting time between Elizabethtown and a Columbia farm, makes learning about history fun with his *Benjamin Nathan Tuggle, Adventurer* books (iUniverse, \$10.95). In the style of

the *Magic Tree House* series, 12-year-old Tuggle discovers he has the ability to time travel, interact with historical figures, then return to present day with no time passing while he was away. His real-world knowledge often befuddles classmates and teachers alike who are unaware of his secret.

In *Daniel Boone and the Settlement of Boonesborough, Kentucky*, Tuggle first learns of his ability when he discovers a tomahawk relic by a spring on his grandfather's farm in Irvine

and is transported all the way back to 1776. Tuggle, alongside Boone, explores the

wild frontier complete with bears, Indians, and a rescue of Boone's daughter.

In *General George Washington and the American Revolution*, Tuggle visits Mount Vernon with his family. After retrieving an artifact from a flowerbed, Tuggle suddenly finds himself face to face with Lady Washington herself. He eventually joins General Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, where he learns a great deal about soldiering and the fight for freedom.

Lunsford, a 27-year veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserves, served two tours in Kuwait and, upon retiring in 2005, was awarded the Legion of Merit for his dedication. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and



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