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Editorial Review

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K-Gr 2—Based on the traditional English ballad, this picture book concentrates on the episode when the Sheriff of Nottingham tries to capture Robin Hood by luring him from the woods for an archery contest. The text is straightforward, making this book a good entry point into the legend for younger readers. The author maintains a lighthearted tone throughout, building anticipation for Robin's triumph, then adding a final bonus when the Merry Men give a parting gift to the Sheriff, a taunting poem. In an author's note, San Souci explains his research and how his version evolved from other sources. Lewis's watercolor paintings are in the N.C. Wyeth vein, but with a fresh, energetic interpretation. Less idealized than Wyeth's, these characters look like real men. The Sheriff, with his crownlike hat, purple robe, and haughty expression, appears rather regal, but his villain status is clear. Fans of San Souci's collection of Arthurian picture books will be pleased by his take on another classic. *Lucinda Snyder Whitehurst, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA*

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From [Booklist](#)

Drawing upon the traditional British ballad of the same name rooted in the fifteenth century, San Souci retells one of Robin Hood's most famed exploits. The dastardly sheriff of Nottingham concocts a plan to trap the outlaw and his men by holding an archery contest, knowing they can't possibly resist a shot at winning the treasure. Robin shows up in disguise, spectacularly wins the contest, and takes home the golden arrow. Ever the playful one, he does a bit of flaunting and lobs a poem proclaiming his true identity through a window to the steaming sheriff. San Souci stays faithful to the original, almost to a fault—savvy readers may wonder how the sheriff got anywhere in life being so addle-brained he is fooled by clothing and a fake beard. But Lewis' stately artwork brings the lushness of the forest and the dramatic resolve of the hero to life and could well make this a go-to picture book for children meeting the Merry Men for the first time. Grades 1-3. --Ian Chipman

About the Author

Robert D. San Souci is the author of more than sixty-five picture books and story collections for young readers, including *The Reluctant Dragon*, illustrated by John Segal, a retelling of Kenneth Graham's classic, as well as *The Talking Eggs*, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, and *The Faithful Friend*, illustrated by Brian Pinkney, both Caldecott and Coretta Scott King Honor Books. His other accolades include two Aesop Awards from the Children's Folklore Section of the American Folklore Society, two Commonwealth Club of California Silver Medals, and numerous other awards. A lifelong resident of California, he lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.

E. B. Lewis Won a Caldecott Honor for *COMING ON HOME SOON* by Jacqueline Woodson. He has also won the Coretta Scott King Award and Coretta Scott King Honor three times. He graduated from Temple University's Tyler School of Art and now teaches at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Mr Lewis lives in Folsom, New Jersey. Visit www.eblewis.com to learn more.

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