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★ “**Distinctive, emotionally honest** characters and consistently **engrossing prose** make this book a **standout**.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred

★ “This **profound, magical**, dryly comical novel reminds readers of the power of story, but they will already be feeling it in their bones. **Masterful**.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred

THE GIANT-SLAYER

by award-winning author Iain Lawrence



Master storyteller Iain Lawrence is back with another captivating novel for young readers with the November publication of **THE GIANT-SLAYER** (Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers / on sale November 10, 2009 / \$16.99.) Laurie Valentine has always been a storyteller, and when she finds a captive audience for her latest tale, she discovers that what she created in her imagination can give her audience a much-needed distraction from reality.

When Laurie's friend Dickie contracts polio and becomes confined to an Iron Lung, she visits him in the hospital. There, she begins to tell Dickie and the other children the story of Colosso the giant, and Jimmy, a tiny boy born to be a giant-slayer. Soon, the kids in the polio ward start seeing themselves in Laurie's heroic characters, and it gives them an escape from their illness. But Laurie's story proves to be a powerful one, and when she's prevented from finishing it, Dickie and the others become the story's voice. As they finish Laurie's story, they find that the stories of their own lives have changed in a way they never imagined.

Iain Lawrence once again provides his readers with an incredible and uplifting story that will enthrall readers until the book's final page. Reviewers have been raving about **THE GIANT-SLAYER**, calling it a “standout”, “compelling”, and “masterful.”

Iain Lawrence resides on the Gulf Islands, and is the author of such novels as the High Seas Trilogy: *The Wreckers*, *The Smugglers*, and *The Buccaneers*, and the Curse of the Jolly Stone Trilogy: *The Convicts*, *The Castaways*, and *The Cannibals*, as well as *The Séance*, *Gemini Summer*, *B for Buster*, *The Lightkeeper's Daughter*, *Lord of the Nutcracker Men*, and *Ghost Boy*. You can find out more about Iain Lawrence at www.iainlawrence.com.

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