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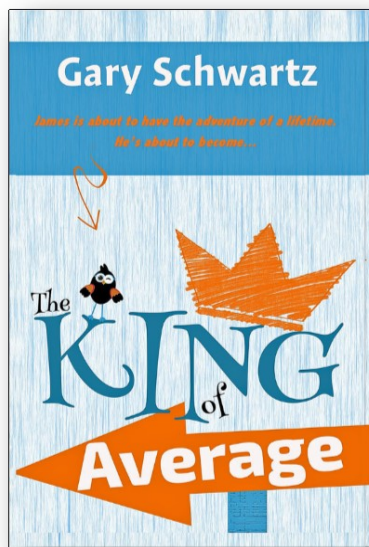
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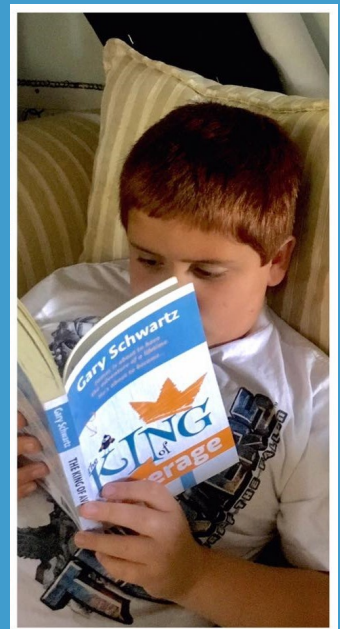
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# About the Author



Gary Schwartz

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Gary Schwartz started his career at age 13 as a mime in Schenectady, New York. He moved to Los Angeles where he studied acting, found his voice and ended up with a significant role in the cult-classic science fantasy film, **Quest for Fire** (1980) and then on TV in the children's show **Zoobilee Zoo**(1985). He's also lent his voice to hundreds of film and TV projects, including **Star Trek**, **Batman Returns**, **The Nightmare Before Christmas** and is currently the voice of several popular video game characters in **Team Fortress 2**, **Left for Dead 2**, **Dota 2**, **Borderland**, and **Star Wars: The Old Republic**.

He's entertained thousands of kids as part of the comedy team **Schwartz & Chung** with his partner Caleb Chung (inventor of the FURBY) and has merged his experience with the style and wit of his favorite authors growing up — Norton Juster (*The Phantom Tollbooth*) Roald Dahl (*James and the Giant Peach*) and L. Frank Baum (*The Wizard of Oz*) to write his debut novel

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