



‘YOU’VE A GREAT DEAL TO LEARN...’

A young boy finds out the truth behind his past in *James Clyde and the Diamonds of Orchestra* by Colm McElwain – just in time to fight to protect his homeland

*Anything can happen in Orchestra... As mysterious as it is beautiful, the land holds many secrets for the young reader to unravel...*

As an infant, James Clyde was deposited at a children’s home by his wounded, blood-soaked grandfather. As a result, he grows up under a cloud of mystery. Eleven years later when he hears about his strange past, he vows to uncover the truth. But before he can, his grandfather hands him a magical and mysterious diamond of Orchestra. With the aid of his friends, Ben and Mary Forester, James must protect the diamond from evil forces.

Soon, however, their lives are in grave danger. They are being hunted by a sinister man dressed in black and his blood-thirsty army. Outnumbered, James finds he must use the power of the diamond to escape their clutches – or become another victim of their murderous quest.

So begins a journey that will transport them to an alternative world where they must confront the mysterious man in black for a final, winner-takes-all battle...

“It is my opinion that the best fantasy novels entertain the notion of an alternative world – a place children can enter and explore the limitless possibilities of their imagination,” says Colm. “I decided to incorporate all my influences into my own adventure. I wanted to create a character who demonstrated traits of all the iconic heroes throughout the ages.” *James Clyde and the Diamonds of Orchestra* will appeal to 12-15 year old fans of fantasy fiction.

**About the Author:**

Colm was raised and schooled in Monaghan, Ireland. He has a BA Hons in PE and likes reading books, watching films and playing sport. He has always loved storytelling, whether through literature or film. *James Clyde and the Diamonds of Orchestra* is his first novel and brings a very fulfilling creative experience spanning a number of years to an end.

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