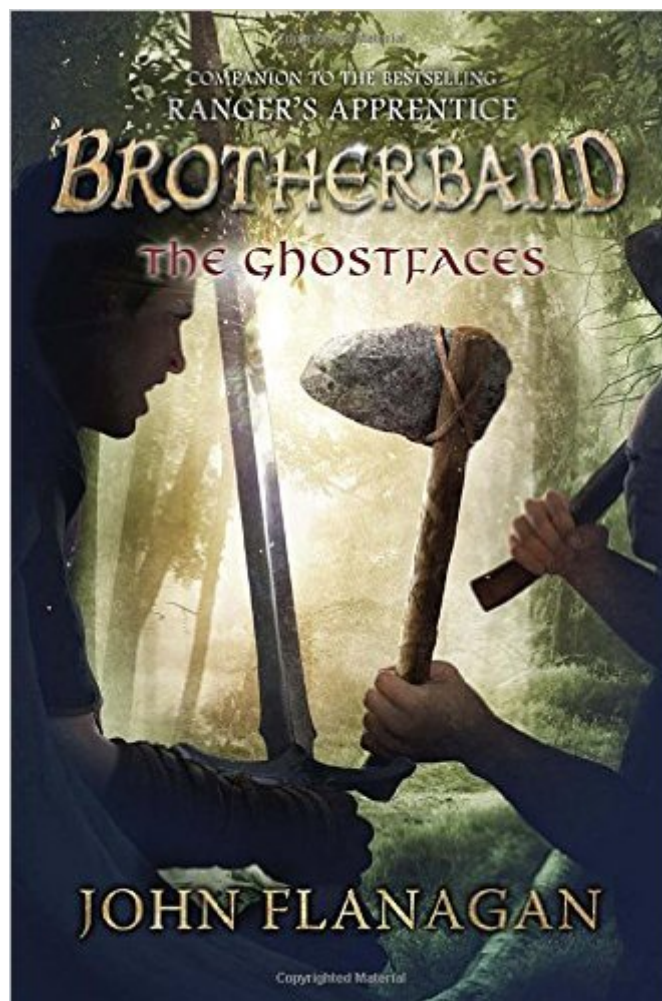


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# The Ghostfaces (The Brotherband Chronicles)



## Synopsis

From John Flanagan, author of the worldwide bestselling *Ranger's Apprentice*, comes a brand-new chapter in the adventures of young Skandians who form a different kind of family--a brotherband. When the Brotherband crew are caught in a massive storm at sea, they're blown far off course and wash up on the shores of a land so far west that Hal can't recognize it from any of his maps. Eerily, the locals are nowhere in sight, yet the Herons have a creeping feeling they are being watched. Suddenly the silence is broken when a massive, marauding bear appears, advancing on two children. The crew springs into action and rescues the children from the bear's clutches, which earns them the gratitude and friendship of the local Mawagansett tribe, who finally reveal themselves. But the peace is short-lived. The Ghostfaces, a ruthless, warlike tribe who shave their heads and paint their faces white, are on the warpath once more. It's been ten years since they raided the Mawagansett village, but they're coming back to pillage and reap destruction. As the enemy approaches, the Herons gear up to help their new friends repel an invasion. In this sixth book in the action-packed *Brotherband Chronicles*, the Herons find themselves in unfamiliar lands and prepare for battle with a ruthless, unknown enemy.

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## Customer Reviews

Amazing author!! I am 76 years young and love John Flanagan's books. I have just finished his latest and loved it tremendously. I have every one of his books and my grandchildren have read these books also and love them as much as I do. They are great books for adventure and great characters that you love! They are clean and just go to prove that great books do not need filthy language and swearing. Way to go Mr. Flanagan!!!

To start, the Rangers Apprentice series is my all time favorite and the Brotherband Chronicles was a great companion series that now spans 6 books, with the first 3 having need read in order, the 4 and 5, and this one (if you aren't a curious person) could be read alone but is HIGHLY discouraged. While for the first 70% of the book doesn't really bring in climatic scenes (don't get me wrong there is some very exciting scenes that had me reading as fast as possible) it's not compared to the 4th book where they had a full major battle at 40%. However since the 2nd book in the series I always felt like the whole crew didn't get enough credit. I felt the author (don't get me wrong John Flanagan has wrote my two favorite series) has always, for lack of a better term, favored certain characters more and some were just always played down. Hal while understandably the main character, never seemed to mess up and always had a plan to save the day, and Ingvar and Stig were the perfect buddies. Well in this book he brings back what was in the first book by writing about more on other characters notably Jesper and Edwin. To me that was some of the best parts because it was less about Hal and finally more on the rest of the crew. All in all even though personally I think the ending could have been more exciting then it was, the fact that he elaborated more on the rest of the crew and that this one had a significantly more major impact on the crew but in the end was an excellent story worthy of five stars that had me but I the book at 11am and not stopping till 4pm. Can't wait for the next adventure!

As with the other Brotherband Chronicles books, Mr. Flanagan does a superlative job developing the story, characters, settings, and dealing with difficult situations and emotions. I sincerely hope this is not the last book in the series! I strongly recommend this well-crafted series, as well as his Ranger series, to anyone from middle school up who enjoys well-written, engaging, interesting adventure stories. Especially well handled subjects of indigenous peoples and the sensitive issue of the loss of a loved one in this book. Well done!!

I just loved this book like I loved the Ranger's Apprentice series (The Battle of Hackham, the

Ranger's Apprentice series is Coming soon!). Also, I thought it was smart of Flanagan to venture into the endless ocean with Hal, the main character. Spoiler alert, I also loved the romance between Stig and Tecumsa, and how Flanagan ended the story with her dying, which was an impactful ending that kept me on the edge of my seat. Once again, I'm amazed how effortlessly Flanagan maneuvered the Skandanadian crew to wreak havoc with rows of Magglers and Igvar's Varlag (if you want to know what this is, you should really read this amazing book!). This was a really well-written and exciting scene that just grabs you into the story and threatens to never let go. John Flanagan is an incredible author and I highly recommend all of his books to kids my age, especially boys. I loved this book and I hope you love it too. Coming Soon! The Battle of Hackham, from The Rangers Apprentice: The Early Years (synopsis from ) "When the former Baron Morgarath escaped to avoid punishment for treason, an uneasy peace fell on Araluen. But Morgarath, now in hiding, is already planning his next move, recruiting an army of savage, overpowering beasts known as Wargals. Newly crowned King Duncan knows he must assemble his troops for battle. To find out the full extent of Morgarath's plan of attack, Halt prepares for a seemingly impossible task--climbing the deadly cliffs of the Mountains of Rain and Night and venturing deep into enemy territory to spy. After all, the winner of this war could be determined by one wrong move. At the Battle of Hackham Heath, the fate of a Kingdom will be decided. This origin story of how Halt came to be Araluen's most famous Ranger and how war will decide the future of the next generation will thrill Ranger's Apprentice fans and new readers alike."

Not one of the best in the series. Compared to the other books, the plot was very simple and unoriginal. I particularly disliked the ending. SPOILER ALERT: Without giving away too much of the plot, I must say that killing off characters is not the right way to solve problems. There are two characters facing life-changing decisions, and both of those choices are made for them through deaths. The author could have used this to build a powerful story about choices and their consequences, and show the boys grow through this process.

John Flanagan writes a wonderful adventure in the Brotherband Chronicles. The Ghostfaces is a coming of age for all the characters and learning life's story has twists and turns love and death, with friendships that can last a lifetime. Wonderful young adult series a must read even for the older adult. Can't wait for the next book in this series great read.

Flanagan returns with Hal and the crew of the Heron being blown out into the Endless Ocean after a

rough storm. The crew arrive in North America where they meet the indigenous people. Flanagan presents the natives in a realistic and humane manner. A fun and entertaining adventure.

What a great story to end a great series. I found this book hard to put down and even caused some tears to come. The part where Stig loses Tecumsa and the love and support of all the Brotherhood was powerful and well written. Like all the books in this series I loved reading it.

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