



Simon

Simon is a young man who is sparring in his first tournament as a knight. At one time, he was the squire for Lord Roger. He quickly proves his worth to Lord Roger.



Toby

Toby, a young boy, is Simon's squire. He helps Simon get dressed in his knight's armor before battles, and he helps him during battles.



John

John is Simon's friend, and spars with him in a mock tournament. Later, he and Simon serve under Lord Roger's command in a real battle against Lord Andrew's army.





Lord Roger

Lord Roger, the ruler of North Ryeland, leads the blue army. He fights Sir Nicholas in a joust.



Sir Nicholas

Sir Nicholas, the leader of the green army, fights Lord Roger in a joust. He is an older knight.



Lord Andrew

As ruler of South Ryeland, Lord Andrew continues to battle Lord Roger over border rights.

Note: The knights in this book are fictitious, but the events surrounding them are not.

A MAKE-BELIEVE BATTLE

Trumpeters are playing to signal the beginning of the tournament. Lord Roger leads the red army in, and Sir Nicholas leads the blue army in. As a trumpet sounds, a scribe reads from a scroll, "Let the battle begin!"



My sword is ready, and so am I!
Let's go!

I am right beside you!

The armies surge forward. Swords clatter, and spectators cheer. After a while, trumpets sound to end the contest. Lord Roger's forces have won the day!



Whew! That was exciting!

Someday we will be ready to face a real enemy across the battlefield!