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Editorial Review

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Grade 5-8—Simon St. George attends an elite boarding school and hasn't seen or heard from his parents in 11 years. Then one October day, a greasy-haired, ragged, and dirt-ridden man shows up on campus claiming to be his father. Before 24 hours pass, Simon finds himself abducted by this odd stranger and about to be initiated into the family business—dragon-hunting. The man explains that "the Dragon is the source of all that is rotten in the world," and that since the time of the legendary St. George of England, his descendants have been dragon-hunters. Now 13-year-old Simon is needed to join the fight. What ensues is a long series of sword-and-sorcery adventures heavy on action and light on plot—much like a video game, comic strip, or feature-length cartoon written in short sentences and simple language but without the pictures. The setting is contemporary and decidedly dark. Dragons and humans alike, with the exception of Simon, have all the subtlety of cartoon characters. His father is not exactly a noble knight, showing as little tact and feeling in his dealings with friends and family as with his sworn enemies. The cover of this book is reminiscent of Christopher Paolini's *Eragon* (Knopf, 2003), but readers who expect the depth and complexity of contemporary popular high fantasy will be disappointed. Those who prefer the macabre outlook and less demanding style of Darren Shan's "Cirque du Freak" series (Little, Brown) might enjoy *The Saint of Dragons*.—Susan L. Rogers, Chestnut Hill Academy, PA

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Gr. 6-8. Hightman postulates that dragons, which harbor a "vast desire to do harm," exist throughout the world today, living among humans by clouding minds so people don't see the beasts in their true form. Simon St. George is a loner at an elite academy, sent there by parents he does not know. His father, Aldric St. George, the last Knight of the Order of Dragonhunters, learns Simon is in danger and retrieves the boy to help fight dragons. Their quest takes them around the world to confront the White Dragon of New York City, the Water Dragon of Venice, the Parisian Dragon, the Russian Red Dragon, and the Black Dragon of China, and eventually all the dragons together in one place for a cataclysmic climax. Filled with dragon lore and nonstop action, the humor-laced story is preposterous to be sure, but readers willing to suspend disbelief will enjoy going along on the adventure. *Sally Estes*

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Jason Hightman began writing at an early age. He attended the University of Southern California where he wrote and directed films. Since his graduation in 1993 he has written, produced and directed films, and his most recent work, "Delusion" swept the 2003 New York Independent Film and Video Festival, winning the best of show, best direction, best writing, and best cinematography awards. A member of the Writers Guild of America and co-founder of the USC Undergraduate Committee for Diversity in Film, Jason has been working as a motion-picture screenwriter for Columbia Pictures, Touchstone, and Warner Films, for the past five years. He lives in California with his wife and daughter. *The Saint of Dragons* is his first published book.

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