Who wrote *The False Prince*?
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What is the name of the series in which *The False Prince* is Book One?
The Ascendance Trilogy

When we first meet Sage at the beginning of *The False Prince*, what is he attempting to steal and why was it so difficult?
A roast, it was slippery and hard to hold while running (p. 1)

Who is chasing Sage at the beginning of *The False Prince*?
A butcher (p. 1)

When the butcher threw his cleaver at Sage after he stole the roast, why did it miss?
Sage has just rounded a corner and the cleaver cut into a wood post behind Sage. (p. 1)

Why wasn’t Sage able to escape?
A bald man sitting outside the tavern tripped him. (p.2)

What happened after the butcher caught up to Sage?
He kicked him twice in the back and as he reared back for a third kick a man shouted, “Stop!”

How much did Sage’s stolen roast cost and how much did Conner give the butcher for it and for Sage?
30 garlins, 50 garlins (p. 2)

What did the butcher respond to the offer of fifty garlins for Sage?
He took the money, kicked Sage one more time and told him he’d cut him up and sell him as meat if he ever came back. (p.2)

In what town was Sage living at the beginning of the book?
Carchar (p. 3)

What was the name of Sage’s orphanage?
Mrs. Turbeldy’s Orphanage for Disadvantaged Boys (p. 4)

Who runs the orphanage for Disadvantaged Boys?
Mrs. Turbeldy (page 4)

How many kids lived in Mrs. Turbeldy’s Orphanage?
19 (p. 4)

At what age does Mrs. Turbeldy turn boys away from the orphanage?
15 (p. 4)

Who said: “You’d be better off with a rabid badger than this one” and who were they referring to?
Mrs. Turbeldy, Sage (p. 4)

What were the names of the man who had captured Sage and that man’s two vigils?
Bevin Conner, the man who had paid for him; Mott, the man who had tripped Sage; and Cregan, the one who had clubbed him. (p.4,11)

What did Sage tell Conner his father did for a living?  
He was a musician (p. 5)

Who did Sage tell Mrs. Turbeldy he was when he first came to the orphanage?  
The son of a dead duke from Avenia, he ran away because he didn’t want to be a duke (p. 6)

Who bought Sage from Mrs. Turbeldy?  
Bevin Conner (p. 7)

After Sage gets abducted by Conner and his vigils, where does he wake up?  
In a wagon (p. 9)

Why did Sage like the fact that nothing about him was remarkable?  
Easier to hide/blend in (p. 10)

How many boys were with Sage in the wagon when he first woke up after being abducted by Conner and what are their names?  
2 (p. 10), Latamer and Roden (p. 12)

Who else was in the back of the wagon with Sage and Cregan? Where did they come from?  
Latamer and Roden. Master Grippings orphanage. (p. 12,14)

How were the two boys in the wagon with Sage different from each other?  
One was sickly and pale, the other was larger and tanned (p. 10)

Who are Conner’s two henchmen?  
Cregan and Mott (p. 11)

Which henchman of Conner’s is bald?  
Mott (p. 11)

What did Roden go along with Conner without a fight?  
Conner offered him a reward and a way out of the place he lived in (p. 12)

In what town (or “outpost”) does Conner’s wagon stop in?  
Gelvins (p. 13)

Where did the wagon stop first? What did they do there?  
Gelvin’s Charity Orphanage. They picked up another boy – Tobias. (p. 14,17)

What credentials does Conner give to Master Grippings of Latamer and Roden’s orphanage to be able to take the boys?  
He said he is a friend of the king’s court (p. 14)

What were the names of the four boys Conner originally took to compete for his plan?  
Sage, Latamer, Roden, Tobias (p. 17)
What was Sage’s first clue as to why Conner took the orphans?
Conner said that Sage needed to have patience because that is the mark of a true ruler (page 17)

How did Sage recognize Tobias when he joined Conner’s group?
Sage had briefly stayed at the same orphanage and Tobias had stood out to him (p. 18)

Why had Tobias been given special privileges at his orphanage?
He could read and had been educated, so they felt he may actually succeed one day in life (p. 18)

What prank had Sage pulled at Tobias’s orphanage and why was Tobias angry about it?
He locked the headmaster out overnight, he gave out a week’s worth of food and the kids went hungry that whole next week (p. 18)

Who said: “Any trust you get here will have to be earned“ and to whom?
Mott, said to Sage (p. 19)

Although Conner was the master of the group, who was the one keeping the show running, according to Sage?
Mott (p. 20)

Why didn’t Sage leave Conner’s group when Conner offered it on their first night together?
He had a nagging voice in his head that told him something was wrong (p. 21)

When they stopped for the night, what did Conner say about why he had collected the boys?
He needed one boy who proved to be the closest fit for his plan, which was dangerous if it failed, but extremely rewarding with success. )p. 21)

Which boy asked to leave Conner’s group and what happened to him?
Latamer, he was shot with an arrow and died (p. 22)

Why did Latamer make the choice to leave?  What happened?
He was sick and knew he couldn’t compete with the others. Cregan shot and killed him with an arrow (p. 21-22)

Who shot Latamer?
Cregan (p. 22)

What did Sage think Latamer’s purpose in the group was?
To teach the boys a lesson not to leave (p. 26)

Wanting to better understand who the boys were, Conner asked them what they’d do in a particular situation.  What was it?
They are in a sword fight to the death and realize they are the weaker opponent (p. 26)

How did each of the boys respond to Conner’s question about a sword battle to the death?
Tobias – beg mercy, live and become stronger for the next battle.
Roden – fight to the death, will not die as a coward.
Sage – beg mercy, finish the battle when the opponent lowers his guard. (p. 26-27)
What did Sage think Conner’s intentions were?  
He thought Conner was planning a revolution to overthrow the kingdom. (p.29)

Who were the king and queen of Carthya before they died?  
Eckbert and Erin (p. 32)

How many regents sit in King Eckbert’s court?  
20 (p. 32)

What are King Eckbert’s two sons’ names?  
Darius and Jaron (p. 32)

How did everyone think that Prince Jaron died?  
Lost at sea (p. 32)

What kind of accent did Conner think Sage had?  
Avenian (p. 32)

Why did Conner ask Sage where he was from and if he had any loyalty to Carthya?  
He heard Sage’s Avenian accent. He said that loyalty to Carthya was a requirement for the one he chose. (p.33)

According to Conner, what is the secret that none of the regents keep very well?  
They wish to have the throne to themselves (p. 33)

What is the high chamberlain’s name?  
Lord Kerwyn (p. 34)

Why can’t the high chamberlain become King?  
He is a servant to the king (p. 34)

What position is the most powerful in the regents?  
The prime regent (p. 34)

Who holds the position of prime regent?  
Santhias Veldergrath (p. 34)

What is the capital of Carthya?  
Drylliad (p. 36)

How did Roden end up at an orphanage?  
He was dropped there as a baby (p. 37)

How did Tobias end up at an orphanage?  
After his parents died, and then his grandmother/caretaker (p. 37)

How much time does Conner have to train the boys before the one he chooses is tested?  
2 weeks (p. 38)
What is the name of Conner’s estate?
Farthenwood (p. 40)

What was the name of Conner’s estate. What town was nearby?
Farthenwood. Tithio. (p. 40)

What is Sage’s servant’s name at Farthenwood?
Errol (p. 41)

Who was Sage’s servant? What was his response when Sage told him not to call him sir?
Errol. “I’ve been instructed to call you sir so you should get used to it.” (p. 42)

Why does Errol work for Conner?
He is paying off family debt (p. 44)

What was Sage supposed to be doing the first time he left Conner’s house and explored on his own?
Taking a bath (p. 45)

What did Sage tell Errol he was doing that was taking him so long in the bath?
Sleeping (p. 46)

For what did Sage offer a silver coin to Errol?
Getting his old clothes back (p. 48)

What did Conner, Sage, Tobias, and Roden eat on their first night at Farthenwood?
Cheese, fruit, soup, bread, glazed roasted duck, fruit pudding, cherry tart (p. 49)

Was Sage naturally right-handed or left-handed?
Left hand (p. 51)

What hand does Sage eat his soup with? Why is that bad?
Left, the missing Prince eats with his right hand (page 51)

Why does Conner believe he is not committing treason?
Conner believes that he is preventing a civil war (page 54-55)

Which country wants to take over Carthya in the event of civil war?
Avenia (p. 55)

What did the stories told about Jaron say about his personality?
He was a troublemaker (p. 55)

How old was Jaron when he challenged the King to a duel?
10 years old (page 55)

Why was Jaron sent away to Bymar?
To be educated and stop being an embarrassment to his family (p. 56)

How did Jaron supposedly get lost at sea?
His ship was attacked by pirates and his body was never found (p. 56)
What two countries were suspected of hiring the pirates that attacked Jaron’s ship, and who actually hired them? Avenia and Gelyn (p. 56), Conner, he’d hoped it would force Carthya into a war with Avenia (p. 289)

Who said their father wanted to avoid war, and who said their father would have been honored to fight? Avoid war – Sage’s father, honored to fight – Tobias (p. 56)

What is the name of the town from which Jaron’s ship was launched? Isel (p. 57)

How many regents made the trip to Isel to find any information about Prince Jaron’s disappearance? 3 (page 57)

What shocking news did Conner deliver to Sage, Roden and Tobias about the royal family? They were all dead (p. 57)

What is the story the people are being told to explain the royal family’s absence while they are secretly dead? They are on a diplomatic mission to Gelyn

How did the royal family die? They were administered poison at dinner (p. 57)

Why is Conner convinced Jaron is long dead? He has some secret proof (p. 58), he hired the pirates to attack Jaron’s ship and they assured him he was dead and gave him Jaron’s crown

What is Conner’s plan to save Carthya? Convince the court that one of the orphans is Prince Jaron and have him take over the throne (p. 58)

Finish this quote from Conner: “But to succeed, I must have a boy who . . .” Believes this can happen (p. 59)

What was Tobias’s weak point in terms of impersonating the prince, according to Conner’s first assessment of him? He wasn’t a quick thinker (p. 60)

What is the reason Conner gives for choosing Sage? He has the personality traits of Prince Jaron (page 61)

What things does Sage have going against him if he wants to impersonate the prince? Wrong color hair, left-handed, not as tall or strong as the prince would be, has an Avenian accent, bad manners (p. 61)

When Conner told Sage that he had the seeds of the personality he might expect for Prince Jaron, what was Sage’s response?
If he was chosen by Conner he would continue to fight him. He didn’t want the throne and would not be a puppet for Conner. (p.62)

Who did Sage encounter when he ran out on Conner’s dinner the first night at Farthenwood? Mott (p. 63)

What training does Mott give Sage on their first night at Farthenwood? Sword fighting (p. 65)

What kind of sword does Mott use against Sage? A wooden sword (page 66)

What did Mott tell Sage was special about the sword he chose? It was a replica of the sword Prince Jaron had (p. 68)

What did Mott respond when Sage said he’d never be a prince? If Conner can look at you and see a prince, it’s about time you did the same. (p.68)

How was Jaron’s replica sword made? It was forged from a drawing Conner’s father made from memory (p. 69)

What supposedly happened to Jaron’s real sword and where was it really? It was lost when his ship was attacked (p. 69), Jaron had hidden it under a floorboard in his bedroom (p.326)

How did Mott come to work for Conner? His father worked for Conner’s father (p. 70)

How does Sage mark the bed that he wants so Roden doesn’t take it? Spits on the pillow (p. 72)

What is the name of the server girl that Sage is interested in? Imogen (p. 72)

Why is Imogen working for Conner? He raised the rent on her family’s home and she is working off the debt (p. 72)

Who tells Sage about Imogen? Errol (page 72)

Errol tells Sage he thinks Imogen is working for Conner due to revenge. Revenge for what? Conner proposed to her widowed mother and she refused (p. 72)

Why will Imogen “never be more than a kitchen servant,” according to Errol? She is mute and not very bright (p. 72)

What did Sage believe would happen to the boys that Conner doesn’t pick? He’d kill them (p. 74)
Who said: “If you can’t give anyone pain, then you can’t give them joy either.”? Roden (p. 76)

Why does Roden believe that Conner HAS to chose him
Because it’s his only chance in life/he will be the better puppet (page 76)

Which one of the boys thinks Conner has a good plan?
Tobias (page 77)

Who taught Roden and Sage reading and writing?
Master Graves (p. 79)

What does Sage ask Mott to bring him when he begins lessons with Master Graves?
A regular-sized chair (p. 80)

Why does Sage have a problem with the chairs at tutoring?
They are too small and humiliating (page 80)

Who was the boys’ history tutor?
Mistress Havala (p. 82)

What did Sage like about Mistress Havala that was different than other people on Conner’s estate?
She had an easy smile and gentle nature, everyone else was so serious (p. 82)

What skill did Sage assume all of the boys already knew?
How to ride a horse (p. 84)

Who gave the boys horse riding lessons?
Cregan (p. 84)

What did Sage challenge Cregan to on their first day of lessons?
He said he could ride anything Cregan could ride (p. 84)

What horse did Cregan make Sage ride?
A wild, fierce bucking female horse named Windstorm who broke free and raced off. (p.85)

How did Sage end up far away from the castle on their first day of lessons?
He was on a wild horse that took him far (p. 88)

What was the note that Imogen gave to Mott about?
She wanted him to stop Sage from looking at her (p. 91)

What did Sage realize after talking to Mott about Imogen?
That his attention to her made things worse for her. (p.91)

What did Sage ask Imogen for when she brought him his dinner?
A needle and thread (p. 95)
What happened when Tobias’s servant caught Imogen being “too familiar” with Sage? He threw a book at her (p. 95)

How did Sage get a knife under his pillow? He stole it from Mott during their horse ride back to Farthenwood (p. 96)

Why does Mott think Sage is nice to Imogen? He has sympathy for her because his mother was a barmaid (p. 97)

What is on the papers that Tobias wants to burn? Notes he has made about being the prince – he doesn’t want Sage or Roden to see them (p. 100)

Why does Sage call Tobias “the puppet master’s dream”? Because he is most pliable and willing to do what Conner wants (p. 100)

Fill in the blank from this old saying from Avenia: “Just because it’s calmer than a ________, doesn’t mean it’s calm.”
Hailstorm (p. 102)

What did Cregan prefer to teach the boys instead of horse riding? Swords (p. 103)

Who said: “The devils are punishing me for everything I’ve ever done wrong in my life.”? Cregan (p. 103)

What was missing from the swords area when the boys went to take their first lesson? The copy of Jaron’s sword (p. 104)

Who did Conner question about stealing Jaron’s replica sword? All three boys – Roden, Tobias & Sage (p. 105)

What kind of swords did the boys practice dueling with? Wooden (p. 107)

Who does Roden think took Jaron’s replica sword? Tobias (p. 110)

Who is the best at sword fighting? Roden (page 110)

When Sage got seated in third position at the dinner table, what did he do? He moved his place setting to the opposite end of the table from Conner (p. 111)

What did Sage notice about Imogen’s appearance while she served Roden at dinner? She had a bruise on her cheek (p. 112)
What was Conner’s response when Sage asked why the king couldn’t tell his subjects that he’s off doing what he wants and they can wait? The king’s primary responsibility is to his country, not to himself. He is a manager, a decision maker, a leader. Not a child at play. (p.112)

Who was Prince Darius engaged to? Amarinda of Bultain (p.114)

Why was Amarinda chosen to marry Prince Darius? She was the niece of the king of Bymar and it would help keep peace in Carthya (p. 114)

Why was there a controversy when King Eckbert married his wife Erin? She was from an inconsequential border town and not noble; not much was even known about her (p. 114)

If Amarinda was engaged to Darius, why would Prince Jaron have to marry her? She was engaged to the throne, not the prince, so whoever takes the throne will marry her (p. 114)

How will Amarinda avoid seeing the three boys when she visits Conner’s home? They will be disguised as servants (p. 115)

Why did Sage really ask Imogen for a needle and thread? To sew hidden pockets on the insides of his clothes (p. 116)

What animal did Sage see when he snuck out one night that made him happy? The wild horse has returned to Farthenwood (p. 118)

How did Sage learn about the layout of Farthenwood? He snuck out at night and went around the outside of the building, looking in windows and surveying the land (p. 119)

When Sage snuck out at night, he knew he could just run away. Why didn’t he? He was a coward (p. 120)

How did Sage get stuck outside one night on one of his evening jaunts around the castle? When he returned to his bedroom the window had been locked by Tobias (p. 120)

Whose room did Sage use to sneak back into Farthenwood when he got locked outside? Conner’s (p. 122)

What prior experience gave Sage the ability to sneak around Farthenwood at night without being detected? He used to sneak around Mrs. Turbeldy’s Orphanage (p. 123)

What secret does Sage find in Conner’s room? A secret passageway (p. 124)

Why did Sage think Conner put the boys in the specific room they were in?
He could listen in on them through a hold in the passageway (p. 125)

Why did Sage think the passageways were used regularly by Conner or one of his men? There were oil lamps constantly burning (p. 125)

How did Sage get back into his room with no one seeing him when Tobias locked him out at night? He snuck into Conner’s open window and used a secret passageway to his room (p. 125)

Where did Sage hide the reward for Errol for returning his original clothes? In Conner’s family history in the library (p. 126)

Sage says he doesn’t feel like a gentleman in the clothes Conner provides them with. What does he feel like? A fraud (p. 127)

What was missing from Sage’s clothes when Errol returned them to him? The rock – piece of gold. (p. 127)

Why doesn’t Conner want Sage to have his gold rock back? Because he says it is imitator’s gold and not appropriate for a prince to have (p. 128)

What did Sage get sent to the dungeon for? For stealing back his gold rock (p. 130)

Why did Conner want the rock so badly? What he wanted was for Sage to bend to his will – do whatever he said. (p. 130)

What happened in the dungeon? Sage was shackled by the wrists and raised until he could barely touch the floor with his arms suspended above him. Mott whipped him, then treated the wounds and left him alone in the dark. (p. 134)

What food did Cregan bring to Sage in the dungeon? Soup (p. 136)

What message does Sage want Mott to give to Conner while he is in the dungeon? That Conner needs Sage to be his prince (p. 137)

Who visited Sage while he was in the dungeon? Mott, Cregan, Imogen (p. 138)

What did Imogen bring Sage in the dungeon? Water and a roll (p. 138)

What two secrets must Sage keep for Imogen that he learns while in the dungeon? That she came to see him in the dungeon and that she can talk (p. 138)

Why does Imogen say she’s an easy target for the other servants?
They know she won’t tell on them (p. 139)

Why does Imogen pretend to be mute?
It turned Conner’s attention away from her (p. 139)

What items did Conner show to Sage in his office that Sage had stolen?
Butter knife, gold cuff link, several coins, papers with plans that look like ways to get rid of Conner if the writer should become king (p. 143)

Who does Conner think wrote the plans about ways to get rid of him?
Tobias (p. 144)

Who ended up taking care of Sage after he was let out of the dungeon?
Imogen (page 146)

Who said: “I never denied being a fool. That’s the difference between us.”?
Sage (to Tobias) (p. 150)

Why did sword-fighting lessons with Mott better help prepare the boys to be the prince than sword-fighting lessons with Cregan would?
Cregan is self-taught, so his teaching style does not reflect that of how a prince would fight (p. 153)

What special lesson does Conner have for the boys one day instead of horseback riding and sword fighting?
Dancing (p. 155)

Who are the boys’ partners during their dance lesson?
Servants (p. 155)

What request does Conner have for Sage during their dancing lesson?
For him to play a song (p. 157)

What instrument did Conner give to Sage to play?
A fippler (p. 157)

What job does Sage do to help out in the kitchen? What do Tobias and Roden do?
Sage – knead dough, Tobias & Roden – wash dishes (p. 160)

Why did Mott assign Sage duties outside the kitchen for when Amarinda visited?
Because he’d get in a fight with the chef otherwise (p. 161)

On what topic is the book that Sage says he’s going to study from while they’re secluded in their room from Amarinda?
Early Carthyan history (p. 164)

What did Sage think was funny about the person he found out was guarding their bedroom door?
He was young (probably younger than him), sleeping, and skinny (his belt hung loose) – not much of a threat (p. 165)
Who does Sage encounter in the secret passageway outside of Amarinda’s door? Tobias (p. 166)

What did Tobias bring into the passageway with him? A knife (p. 166)

How did Sage end up with a fresh cut on his back one morning? Tobias cut him with a knife overnight in the passageway (p. 170)

What deal does Sage make with Tobias in return for not telling on him for cutting him? Tobias has to back off/fail at being prince-like (p. 173)

What did Sage promise Tobias after Rodin found the knife under his bed? Sage promised that Tobias would live or he would die trying to save him (page 174)

How does Sage tell Mott he got cut on his back? He got caught on the window frame when trying to sneak out (p. 174)

How does Sage get punished for saying he got cut from sneaking out at night? No meals for the day (p. 175)

Who knew the truth about how Sage got cut on his back? Roden, Imogen (p. 175)

What was Imogen’s response when Sage asked her if she would bow to him when he was presented to the court as Prince Jaron? “I won’t bow to a fraud.” (p.177)

What did it take to make the boys presentable servants to Princess Amarinda? Haircut, filing their nails, and standing up strait (page 181)

What does Mott say the worst thing that could happen while serving the princess is? For her to remember one of the boys (page 182)

How many knives did the chef notice were missing the morning after Tobias met Sage in the passageway? How many had actually gone missing at some point? 1, 2 (p. 183)

What job did Sage get as a servant during Amarinda’s dinner? Door servant (he just stood by the doors) (p. 185)

How old was Amarinda when she became betrothed to whoever ascended to King Eckbert’s throne? At birth (p. 186)

How did Amarinda feel about her engagement to Prince Darius? She admired him and was looking forward to marrying him (p. 186)
What did Sage tell Amarinda during their first exchange? 
“You’ve got dirt on your face.” (p. 187)

What was served for dinner with Princess Amarinda?
Large roast, boiled carrots, potatoes hot bread and imported cheese (page 187)

What question did Sage want answered about the prince that he knew Amarinda wouldn’t ask about?
Would the person who steps in as the prince become the next victim? (p. 190)

What is Amarinda’s response when Conner tells her there may still be a way for her to claim the throne?
She is angry that he thinks her so shallow, her concern is for Darius (p. 191)

What upsets Princess Amarinda at dinner time?
She has heard a rumor that Darius might be dead (page 191)

Who does Amarinda ask to escort her back to her room during dinner and why does she ask him?
Sage (p. 191), he was honest with her (p. 193)

Who said: “You should always choose on the side of hope” and to whom was he talking?
Sage, talking to Amarinda (p. 194)

Why does Amarinda say she is also a servant?
Few choices in her life belong to her (p. 194), [Also: she is known to most only as Amarinda, she exists only to serve as a reputable queen (p. 192)]

What is Conner’s answer to Sage’s worry about the real Jaron returning to find a false prince on the throne?
Conner has proof the real Jaron is dead (p. 201)

When Sage showed disapproval of Conner’s taking advantage of Princess Amarinda’s fears, what did Conner say to him? What did Sage reply?
I must at all times be the keeper of this unholy plan. I do not celebrate my role but I have accepted it. Have you?
I am your prince. (p.202)

Conner was pleased that Sage was finally bending to his will. How did Sage feel about that?
He hoped he could get to the end before Conner broke him completely. (p. 203)

What did Jaron once declare in front of the entire royal court?
That he intended to lead Carthyan armies in war one day (p. 205)

Did King Eckbert foster war or peace?
Peace (p. 205)

What does Mott say is his limit in serving Conner?
He won’t kill for him (p. 206)

During work with Mott on his sword fighting, Mott told Sage that the limit of his loyalty to Conner was killing. What did Sage reply?
Your limits are meaningless because you helped Cregan kill Latamer. (p.206)

What was Mott’s reason to explain that he didn’t know Conner was going to kill Latamer? He wanted Sage to know that, like him, Mott wasn’t owned by Conner either. (p.208)

Who does Conner receive a letter from? Veldergrath (p. 209)

Veldergrath’s letter to Conner has good news and bad news, according to Conner? What is the good news and what is the bad news? Good = He has heard the rumors about Prince Jaron being alive (easier to introduce Jaron to court), bad = word is spreading about king and queen’s deaths (Veldergrath will use this to his advantage) (p. 209)

Mott brought a painting into the boys’ room one morning. What was the painting of? Prince Jaron (p. 211)

How long ago was the painting of Jaron that Conner has done? 5 years (page 211)

Who did the boys think most resembled Jaron in the painting? Sage (p. 212)

What physical transformation does Sage need to undergo that the other boys don’t? His hair is dyed (p. 212)

What was done to each of the boys to make them look more like the prince? Their hair was cut to match the prince’s style, and Sage has his hair dyed to match the color. (p.212)

Who does Errol say most of the servants believe will be chosen to be the prince? Sage (p. 213)

Who makes a surprise visit to Farthenwood? Veldergrath (p. 215)

Where does Conner instruct the boys to hide when Veldergrath visits? The secret tunnels (p. 215)

When Cregan came running with the news that Veldergrath was coming, what preparations had to be made immediately? Cregan was to have the staff prepare a meal for him and his company. Mott was to destroy any trace of the boys’ presence from their room. Sage was to find Roden and Tobias and hide them all in the deepest tunnel. (p.215-216)

What item did Conner give to Sage to hide with him in the tunnels? A small locked box covered with emeralds (p. 216)

What did the tunnels make Sage think about the man who Farthenwood was designed for? He was paranoid (p. 217)
Why did Conner have a replica of Jaron’s sword made, as he told Veldergrath?
To present to the queen on her birthday in honor of her lost son (p. 221)

When Veldergrath questioned Conner about the orphans he collected, what did Conner say they were for?
To use as indentured field laborers to tend his crops (p. 221)

What does Veldergrath ask Conner permission to do at Farthenwood?
Search it (p. 222)

Veldergrath makes several accusations towards Conner when he comes to Farthenwood. Name three.
Amarinda heard rumors of the royal family’s death after her visit to Farthenwood, Conner told Amarinda that Prince Jaron is alive, Conner had a replica made of Jaron’s sword, Conner collected boys from various orphanages, Conner was at the dinner the night the royal family died and poured their drinks (did he poison them?), an emerald box went missing from the castle (did Conner steal it?) (p. 222)

What do the boys decide is their last option if Veldergrath’s men discover the tunnels?
To go to the roof (p. 224)

What was Tobias worried about Veldergrath’s men finding in their room?
The papers that he hid in his mattress (p. 227)

Who really stole Prince Jaron’s imitation sword and where had it been hidden?
Sage, under a stairway plank in the tunnels (p. 228)

What did Sage retrieve on his way down the tunnel stairs to get the papers from their room?
The replica of Prince Jaron’s sword, which he had stolen and hidden underneath a wood plank. (p.228)

Who distracted Veldergrath’s men from finding the tunnels?
Imogen (p. 229)

How did Imogen save Sage?
She attacked one of Veldergrath’s men before he could find him in the boys’ room. (p.230)

What did Sage do to protect Imogen from one of Veldergrath’s men?
He stabbed him with a sword (p. 231)

Who took the blame for stabbing one of Veldergrath’s men?
Mott (p. 232)

How did Mott save both Sage and Imogen after he walked in and saw what had happened?
He stabbed himself with the dead man’s knife and told the others that the man had attacked him and he had to defend himself. (p.232)

Finish this quote by Conner: “There is one thing you must never tire of, not for the rest of your life, and that is the . . .”
Lie (p. 237)

Why does Conner ultimately choose Roden as his prince?
He says he is willing to lie for the rest of his life (p. 237)

The night after Conner chose Roden, Sage snuck out again through the tunnels. What did Roden ask him when he returned? Why didn’t you run? (p. 238)

Why does Roden say he won’t ask Conner to spare Tobias and Sage’s lives? They are a threat to him and could expose him (p. 239)

Where does Tobias want to run away to with Sage? Avenia (p. 240)

What trick did Sage do to make Conner have second thoughts about choosing Roden? Rolled a coin over his knuckles (p. 242)

When Conner asked Sage where he learned to roll a coin over his knuckles, what was Sage’s response? Any pickpocket and can do it (p. 243)

Why is Sage able to eat, write, etc. with both his left and his right hand? His father made him use his right hand for things when he was younger so he wasn’t seen as different (p. 244)

How does Conner try and entice Sage to be the prince? He says he only has to do it for a year or two and then can assign the throne to someone else (p. 244)

What convinced Conner that Sage must be the prince? His ability to do the coin roll trick, a trick that Prince Jaron often did (p. 245)

Why does Sage refuse to be the prince when Conner begs him to? He is worried he will be killed (p. 245)

What are Sage’s terms in order to agree to be the prince? Roden, Tobias, and Imogen come with to the castle (p. 247)

Why does Conner think it is foolish for Sage to want to keep Tobias and Roden alive? They are the biggest threat to him on the throne (p. 247)

What was Sage’s mischievous parting remark before they left for the castle? “Do you want to bow to me now or wait until we reach Drylliad?” (p 247)

Who said: “I fear the devils no longer, because I have the worst of them right here in my home!” and who is he talking about? Conner, talking about Sage (p. 248)

What does Sage decide to do before leaving for Drylliad? Go for a horse ride (p. 249)

How does Imogen feel when she hears that Sage wants to bring her to the castle?
She is angry; she doesn’t want his charity (p. 250)

What does Sage jokingly tell Mott his first order as king will be? To let everyone where whatever clothes they want (p. 254)

When Mott follows Sage on horseback before leaving for Drylliad, what does he bring for Sage? Jaron’s imitation sword (p. 255)

Upon receiving Jaron’s imitation sword from Mott, what does Sage do with it? Throws it in the river (p. 256)

Who is the first to realize Sage is actually Prince Jaron? Mott (p. 257)

What did Mott do when he finally realized the truth about Sage? He knelt to one knee, bowed his head said, “I kneel before the living Prince of Carthya. You are Prince Jaron.” (p.257)

Why was Jaron not very impressive as a royal? He was small, a troublemaker, and favored his left hand (p. 258)

What did Queen Erin do to earn a living before becoming the queen? Served drinks in a tavern (p. 259)

Why did Jaron once set a fire in the throne room? He had taken a bet with a friend that tapestries could burn and wanted to prove it (p. 260)

Who was the only person to catch Jaron sneaking out of his bedroom at night? Darius (p. 261)

What was King Eckbert’s plan to improve Jaron’s behavior and show others he could be a decisive king? To send Jaron to school in Bymar (p. 261)

How was it that Jaron was not on the ship when it was attacked by pirates? After complaining of seasickness, he went below decks before the ship set sail and escaped through his room’s porthole (p. 262)

Who recognized Jaron while he was in hiding and told Darius of his whereabouts? A priest (p. 263)

Who of Jaron’s family first found out Jaron was still alive? Darius (p. 263)

Besides Darius, who else came to visit Jaron when he was hiding away at the church? His father (p. 265)

Sage said his father was a musician. What connection did his real father, King Eckbert, have to music? He wanted to be a musician when he was young (p. 265)
Why did King Eckbert think it was necessary for Jaron to stay away from home, hidden? If he was found alive, the king would be obligated to declare war on Avenia and Carthya would not survive the war (p. 268)

What did Sage come to believe was the real reason his father asked him to stay hidden? To save his life (p. 275)

Who ends up staying in the room at the Inn when Conner and company arrive near Drylliad? Conner, Sage, Imogen (p. 279)

How did Conner know so much about Jaron’s early life? He read the queen’s diaries (p. 291)

What threats did Conner make to Sage in order to make him obey him? He would expose Sage as a traitor, said he be publicly tortured and hanged in the town square for treason. Princess Amarinda would be expelled from Carthya to live in humiliation, and any children they had would die of starvation and shame. (p.294-294)

What does Conner tell Sage his first two acts as king need to be? First – remove Veldergrath as regent, second – install Conner as prime regent (p. 295)

Who did Sage share his meal of meat pie with at the inn? Imogen (p. 300)

Why does Conner send Tobias and Roden into town while they are at the inn? To see if they can learn anything about the rumor they’ve heard – that there are other princes (p. 300)

Conner comes into the inn to see Sage with two bundles. What are in them? Queen Erin’s emerald-encrusted box and Jaron’s crown (p. 301)

Who did the emerald-encrusted box belong to before Conner stole it? Queen Erin (p. 301)

What was inside the emerald-encrusted box? A sketch of Prince Jaron drawn by Queen Erin (p. 302)

What did Sage think was interesting about Queen Erin’s sketch of him? The way she drew his eyes (p. 302)

At what moment did Conner have a slight suspicion that Sage may be Prince Jaron? When he saw the sketch Queen Erin drew of him (p. 302)

What was the “proof of the prince’s identity” that Conner kept mentioning and how did he come to have it? Prince Jaron’s crown, the pirates rescued it from the ship before it sank and gave it to Conner (p. 303)

What did Sage secretly give to Tobias before he left for the castle?
A note (p. 304)

Why wasn’t Conner’s carriage allowed to enter the castle with Sage?
Because they didn’t give the code word (p. 306)

What was the code the last time Jaron was at the castle?
To ask “if the queen planned to wear green at dinner tonight, because it was the only color he had
brought to match her dress” (p. 307)

How did Sage propose they get into the castle once they were turned away at the gate?
By way of a river that flows underneath the kitchen (p. 307)

How does Sage say he can get past the gate at the river to get into the castle kitchen?
He can pick the lock with a pin (p. 308)

How did Sage convince Conner that Mott, Roden and Tobias needed to come with them as they snuck in
through the kitchen?
He said they would need help restraining the kitchen servants while he and Conner continued into
the castle. (p308)

Who does Sage say is not allowed to come with them into the castle?
Cregan (p. 308)

What did the note that Sage gave to Tobias before leaving to the castle say?
To meet them at the river entrance to the castle (p. 310)

What does Sage suggest to break the standoff on the river trail once Cregan shows up?
That he and Roden will duel with swords to see who becomes the prince (p. 314)

How did Sage beat Roden in their sword duel?
He tricked him – he begged mercy, then tripped Roden and took his sword (p. 316)

How did Jaron’s crown get temporarily lost?
Cregan grabbed it from Mott as he fell into the river (p. 317)

What did Sage do to separate himself from Conner before entering the castle?
He faked an injury so Conner would run ahead to make the meeting (p. 318)

Instead of heading to the meeting of the regents, where did Sage go once he entered the castle?
The great hall (via the private rooms of the royal family) (p. 325)

What did Sage present to Lord Kerwyn to prove he was the prince?
His (real) sword (p. 326), a gold rock (p. 326)

Why was there a nick in Jaron’s sword?
He got angry after he lost the duel with the King of Mendenwal and threw his sword at a castle wall (p. 326)
Where had Sage gotten the gold rock that he was desperate to keep from Conner? From his father (p. 326)

In what two places did Sage hide the gold rock at Farthenwood once he stole it back from Conner? High on the ledges of Farthenwood, on the bank of a steam on the outskirts of Farthenwood (among all the other rocks) (p. 327)

What was the importance of Sage’s gold rock? It was the sign to Lord Kerwyn that he was really the prince, he if presented it and said it was real gold (p. 327)

What did Jaron once steal from Veldergrath when he was younger? His silver ring (p. 329)
How did Prince Jaron convince Veldergrath that he was real? He lifted a coin from his vest and rolled it away on his fingertips. He told him about the time he stole Veldergrath’s ring right off his finger. (p.329-330)

What was the first act by Prince Jaron? He relieved Veldergrath of his duties as prime regent, replacing him with Conner. He then asked his guards to escort him from the castle. (p.329,330)

How did Sage and Amarinda have their conversation once Sage revealed he was Prince Jaron? While dancing (p. 331)

In addition to being crowned, what was Jaron given during his ceremony to make him king? The king’s ring (p. 335)

Who does Sage call to be arrested for killing his family? Conner (p. 336)

Why does Sage believe Conner killed his family? He found Dervanis oil in Conner’s strongbox (p. 337)

What did Sage do for Imogen once he became king? Her debts with Conner were cleared (paid by her service to Sage), Sage posthumously declared her father a nobleman so she would be treated as a nobleman’s daughter, Sage gives her her freedom (p. 341)