



"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" is the fourth — and best — film in the series. Director Mike Newell has created a spectacular, visually compelling and emotionally riveting film. See Critic's Corner on page 6.

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Author John Lunn speaks at Acworth School

'Writing a book is like building a house — the first draft is the frame'

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ACWORTH — Author John Lunn turned his childhood daydreams into a solid living. And he showed 5th-graders at Acworth School how they can do the same.

Lunn, of Newport, urged the class to write down what's in their daydreams, which can serve as some of the best fodder for books.

"As a writer, you get to daydream when you're a grown-up," he said. As a child, Lunn always had a fantasy world opening inside his head and he can still remember details of these fantasies vividly as what happened in his real life. He remembers several in which he was the star — from a sheep farmer to a superhero.

Other hobbies also fuel his wild

imagination today, from building miniature sets and making films in his home-animation studio to gazing at the stars in the night sky through his telescope.

Although he has focused much of his life on being a flute maker, Lunn never stopped jotting down stories and poems. He wrote his first science fiction novel, "Solomon's Rule," when he was only 18 years old. While in his 20s, he wrote a mystery novel and a couple of screenplays, and he has since written several more movie scripts, a television sitcom pilot and a non-fiction book about comic strip art.

"The Mariner's Curse," which the 5th-graders have all read, was Lunn's first published novel and it is now being considered by a movie company.



Author John Lunn spoke to 5th-graders at the Acworth School last week about writing, and about his two published chapter books, "The Mariner's Curse" and "The Aquanauts."

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