



MEET CANADIAN AUTHOR, KENNETH OPPEL



Born in Port Alberni, British Columbia, but raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Kenneth Opiel made up his mind at age 12 that he was going to become a writer.

Passionate about *Star Wars* and *Dungeons and Dragons*, Opiel began writing science fiction. Inspired by his love of video games, at age 14 he devoted his summer vacation to writing a funny story about a boy addicted to video games, which he later expanded into a novel. As luck would have it, a close friend of the Opiel family knew Roald Dahl and passed on Kenneth's manuscript to the world-famous author. Dahl enjoyed

the story so much he showed it to his literary agent who then agreed to take on the young writer as a client.

Thus in 1985, Opiel published his first story ever, *Colin's Fantastic Video Adventure*. Since then he has published many other works including *The Live-Forever Machine* and the *Silverwing Trilogy*, which have sold over one million copies.



Airborn

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The airship Hyperion disappeared 40 years ago... along with its treasure and mysterious captain! Now she's reappeared and only 16-year-old Matt has her coordinates!