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## ***Lost in Oz* in New York!**

**April 2010 - October 2010** – Joshua Patrick Dudley, author of the *Lost in Oz* trilogy, will be making two stops in the Syracuse, New York area this year! First in June, when Joshua will appear at Chittenango's Oz-Stravaganza from the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Chittenango is the birthplace of original Oz author, L. Frank Baum. Mr. Dudley will be appearing in the newest attraction at the event, the Author's Alley. [www.Oz-Stravaganza.com](http://www.Oz-Stravaganza.com)

The 24-year-old author will also appear at The Wonderful Weekend of Oz, in Fayetteville, NY, from October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. He will be signing and selling copies of his first book, ***Lost in Oz***, at both events. The stories follow modern teenagers Tamara, Joshua, Tommy and Laura as they make their own history in Oz after destroying the original story of the *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, simply by existing in Oz. Both his first and second novel, ***Rise of the Dark Wizard***, can be found online at the books' official website: [www.LostinOzBook.com](http://www.LostinOzBook.com) or at other online retailers like [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

The stories have gained quite a following from middle-school students across the country, some of whom have even had Joshua teach in their classrooms! Joshua promotes his novels by visiting middle schools and teaching creative workshops with children from grades 3-10. The classes then create their own stories with Joshua's guidance.

Now the author is holding a contest, he says, "to give something back to all of my young readers." The contest is a chance to win a cameo role, by name, in the final *Lost in Oz* novel, ***Temple of the Deadly Desert***. The contest is open to any age.

To enter the contest, you must write a 200-500 word essay explaining who your character would be in Oz. All entries should be submitted with your full name, age, email address, mailing address and essay, and should be sent to [LostinOzCameo@yahoo.com](mailto:LostinOzCameo@yahoo.com). The winner will be selected by the author and will be notified by email January 1, 2011.

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### **Lost in Oz**

by Joshua Patrick Dudley, 2007, Lulu Publishing, 155p, ISBN: 978-1-4303-1278-9

### **Lost in Oz: Rise of the Dark Wizard**

by Joshua Patrick Dudley, 2008, Lulu Publishing, 203p, ISBN: 978-0-615-18871-3

### **Lost in Oz: Temple of the Deadly Desert**

By Joshua Patrick Dudley, 2011, Lulu Publishing, 333p, ISBN: (currently unavailable)