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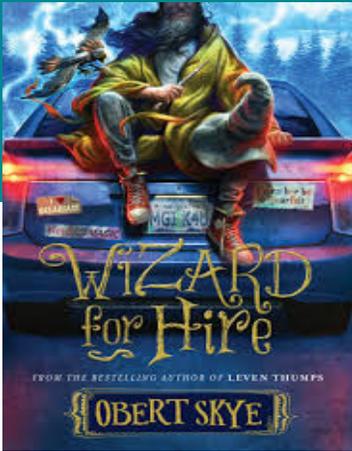
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Intermediate, Young
Adult

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416

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Seven-year-old Ozzy Toffy and his parents spontaneously move to an off-grid cabin deep in the Oregon woods. But soon after moving in, armed men kidnap Ozzy's parents, leaving Ozzy on his own. Seven years later, fourteen-year-old Ozzy finally escapes the confines of his forest home to experience the world and search for his parents. A magazine ad of a wizard for hire catches his eye. Ozzy employs the wizard, Rin, and their adventures begin. Several hearty breakfasts, road trips, car chases, and snoopings later, Rin and Ozzy discover the corporation behind the Toffy's disappearance. Sadly, the results of their investigations don't lead Ozzy to the happy ending he was expecting, but their clues deal a major blow to the corporation who ruined the Toffy's lives.

The rich, complex recipe behind *Wizard for Hire* is a mix of adventure, heart, mystery, magic and humor, plus survival and science-fiction. Readers follow Ozzy as he creates a happy life in his forest-cloaked cabin. Eventually that type of existence is not enough for him. Ozzy wants his parents and he needs answers. But the more he involves the authorities, the more his secluded way of life is threatened. Having no choice, he turns to an unusual source for help, a so-called "wizard." Ozzy wants Rin to wave a magic wand and solve it all effortlessly, but no one works that way, not even a wizard. Only hard work, persistence, and faith can solve Ozzy's problems, but Rin adds just a pinch of magic to the mix. *Wizard for Hire* is a fun, action-packed read for ages twelve and up.