

Danyen's Gift

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Local writer Bayan Jalalizadeh is launching a third edition of his fantasy adventure novel, the first in a series, on August 26, 2012. He finished the novel's first edition while he was still attending public school in Carrollton, Texas in 2008. He now attends Washington University School of Medicine.

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Danyen's Gift is a gripping new young adult fantasy novel about the courage of a single boy in a world of danger. The exciting and moving adventure is perfect for families with children grades 6 and up.

Bayan works to encourage young people everywhere to read and practice writing. Without a role model to ignite their creative passions, children and youth may never discover their tremendous abilities. Bayan hopes to be that spark.

That is why *Danyen's Gift* is a must-have for middle and high school libraries. Together with the school reading and language arts programs, the novel will unlock the potential of our students.

The new edition of *Danyen's Gift* is available for purchase through Amazon.com in paperback form.

To support the schools of the area, Bayan is pleased to volunteer to speak in classrooms and conferences about writing and about his novel.

For more information, visit www.bayanjalalizadeh.com.



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Praise for *Danyen's Gift*

"An exciting new book I highly recommend. Excellent novel! The first in a trilogy, this epic story is full of rich storytelling that kept me enchanted long after I finished reading. The author [is] already being compared to Christopher Paolini, author of *Eragon*."

— Kevin Hosey, *Cliffhanger Books*

"[*Danyen's Gift*] is a story about growing up in a world full of danger, magic and wonder.... The author takes you on a journey, creating a vivid and magical world filled with a vast diversity of people, wizards, dragons, and other creatures.... I spent hours experiencing every surprise, let-down and triumph, pondering decisions made and paths taken. Needless to say, I am eager to continue the journey."

— U.S. Board on Books for Young People

About Bayan Jalalizadeh

Bayan Jalalizadeh is a fantasy author and game designer for young adults, contributing to the national *Arise* magazine. He loves traveling overseas with his family, inspiring Bayan's visions of lush, fantastical worlds, spurring him to write and create games for children and young adults.

Bayan began writing as a young child. At age eleven, he promised his English teacher he would one day write a fantasy novel. At age eighteen, he accomplished his dream with *Danyen's Gift*, selling hundreds of copies to fans in the United States and across the globe within only a few months. He now writes to encourage youth everywhere to read and to imagine.

That is why Bayan now writes a Games page *Arise* magazine, dedicated to empowering youth to serve humanity through positive action and moral thought.

When he's not writing, Bayan is studying at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine along with his twin brother. He graduated at the top of his college class in the spring of 2012 with a B.S. in biomedical engineering. His desire to perform concrete service to the world led him to conduct research in nanotechnology, epidemiology, and neuroengineering at various institutions, including Cambridge University. He plans to continue research and pursue a career in medicine as he writes.



Bayan is twenty-two years old and lives in Carrollton, Texas.

The Book

**Whispers have spread.
Shadows are stirring.**

The hunt has begun.

Danyen is the quiet son of a fisherman, secluded from the conflicts brewing in the world around him—until he discovers his father's secret.

It is the blade Slenya, one of the scattered Shards of a fallen star, legendary for its terrifying power. When soldiers attack his village in search of the sword, Danyen must leave everything behind, one heart-pounding step

ahead of his pursuers, with only the support of an enigmatic adventurer and the hidden Shard. Enemies seek him at every turn, from savage renegades with plans of glory to the great dragons of the world.

But it is the sword itself, and its insidious curse, that pose the greatest danger of all. Slenya is slowly changing Danyen. If he fails to destroy the curse in time, he may lose his very humanity. In this gripping adventure of courage and sacrifice, Danyen will need to become something more than just a simple village boy if he is to survive.