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Editorial Review

Review

"Michael J. Sullivan has written a book I will read over and over again and it most definitely will always reside on my favorite's shelf." --Reader's Views Review

"It is an extraordinarily tale told with a mature voice that would be impressive from a veteran and is even more so from a new author...Perhaps the best compliment I can pay the book and its author is that immediately upon arrival at work I went and grabbed its sequel, Avempartha off the new book shelf." --King of the Nerds

"Michael J. Sullivan doesn't waste time and throws the reader into action from the first pages of his novel and keeps him there until the final page is turned." --Dark Wolf Fantasy Review

"A whirlwind of twists, earth-shattering surprises and deadly betrayal." --Literary Magic

"The Crown Conspiracy is great fun and a romp end to end. It's a very fast read and I finished it in one sitting. Its characters grow on you and the series has great potential to develop since Book One only explores a relatively small part of the wonderful imagined world of Michael Sullivan and I am really looking forward to reading Book Two, Avempartha, out in April 2009." --sfSite

"Crown Conspiracy is a well-written and enjoyable novel. I was invested in the characters and their travails. Royce and Hadrian's friendship was particularly fun to read...Michael J. Sullivan is an appealing writer and I'll be interested to see where he goes with his writing in the future."

--Speculative Fiction Junkie

"The Crown Conspiracy is entertaining from beginning to end, edge of your seat moments and conspiracy to spare. The Crown Conspiracy is a must read! I'm looking forward to the next installment." --The Deckled Edge

"In many ways, the novel takes all the conventional tropes of a traditional fantasy story, takes what it needs, and throws out the rest. What is left is a quick and entertaining read." --Fantasy Debut

"Great characters, delightful misdirection, good world building, and just the right amount of humor. If I had to describe this book with one word, that word would be fun!" --Odyssey Reviews

"This is by far one of the most well written independent novels I have had the pleasure of reading. I highly recommend it to both lovers of fantasy, and also those who like stories along the lines of the King Arthur legends, and the tales of the Green Knight." --Midwest Book Reviews

From the Author

In October 2010 I sold my *Riyria Revelations* series of books to Orbit (fantasy imprint of big-six Hachette Book Group). As such, the original versions are now officially "out of print" and available only by third-party vendors who are selling what are now essentially "collector editions". Orbit took the six-book series and re-released them as three, two-book omnibus versions (published from Nov 2011 to Jan 2012). The fact that the series is published in two different formats is often confusing, so here's how the books break down.

Original self-published editions (now out of print)

- *The Crown Conspiracy* (originally published by AMI, and later by Ridan)
- *Avempartha*
- *Nyphron Rising*
- *The Emerald Storm*
- *Wintertide*
- *Percepliquis**

The new incarnation of the series from Orbit

- *Theft of Swords* contains *The Crown Conspiracy* and *Avempartha*
- *Rise of Empire* contains *Nyphron Rising* and *The Emerald Storm*
- *Heir of Novron* contains *Wintertide & Percepliquis*

Due to overwhelming demand for more Royce and Hadrian stories, a new series, *The Riyria Chronicles*, has been created that tells the duo's early adventures including their first assignment and the forming of *Riyria*. This new series will also be released by Orbit following their "a book per month" schedule.

The Riyria Chronicles

- *The Crown Tower* - August 1, 2013
- *The Rose and the Thorn* - September 5, 2013

For those interested in other projects, I have a number of things underway.

- *Antithesis*: an urban fantasy (which I will self-publish in 2013)
- *Hollow World*: a time travel science fiction story (to be completed in 2012)
- A new (untitled) fantasy series: (to be completed in mid 2015)
- *A Burden to the Earth*: a literary fiction piece (completed but needs editing)

In addition he will have short stories in the following anthologies:

- *Traditions in Triumph Over Tragedy*
- *The Jester in Unfettered*
- *Autumn Mists in The Fantasy Faction Anthology*
- *Burning Alexandria in The End Anthology*

* *Percepliquis* is technically the only book of the original series that is not "out of print." For those who originally read *Wintertide* this edition allows for the stand-alone version so that they can complete their series. The content is identical to the *Percepliquis* which is found as the second book in the *Heir of Novron* release.

About the Author

After finding a manual typewriter in the basement of a friend's house, Michael J. Sullivan inserted a blank piece of paper and typed: It was a dark and stormy night, and a shot rang out. He was just eight. Still, the desire to fill the blank page and see where the keys would take him next wouldn't let go. For ten years Michael developed his writing craft by studying authors such as Stephen King, Ayn Rand, and John Steinbeck, to name a few. He wrote thirteen novels, and after finding no traction in publishing he quit, vowing to never write creatively again.

His hiatus from writing lasted nearly ten years. The itch returned when he decided to write books for his then

thirteen-year-old daughter, who was struggling because of dyslexia. Intrigued by the idea of a series with an overarching story line told through individual, self-contained episodes, he created *the Riyria Revelations*. He wrote the series with no intention of publishing it, but upon presenting his book in manuscript form to his daughter, she declared that it had to be a "real" book, bound and formatted, in order for her to be able to read it.

So began his second adventure on the road to publication that included drafting his wife to be his business manager, signing with a small independent press, and creating his own publishing company. He sold more than sixty thousand books as a self-published author and leveraged this success to achieve mainstream publication through Orbit (the fantasy imprint of Hachette Book Group) as well as foreign translation rights for France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Michael presently lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife and three children and continues to fill the blank pages with three projects under development: a modern fantasy novel, a literary fiction piece, and a prequel to his best-selling *Riyria Revelations*.

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