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### Editorial Review

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#### From the Author

I've always enjoyed television series that had a continuing story arc told through individual episodes. My favorites were Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Babylon 5. Having mysteries unfold a bit at a time kept me engrossed, and I couldn't wait to see where the creators were going to take me. This was a major goal of mine when writing *The Riyria Revelations* and I hope you will enjoy your journey.

The tale had actually banged around in my head for over fifteen years in one form or another. I kept adding characters and plot lines until I had, at least to me, a compelling story with likeable characters. Because of the complexity of the plot in the overarching story, it was imperative that I wrote all of the books before releasing the first one. While I don't recommend this technique to other writers, it allowed me the opportunity to weave threads in previous books as I fully developed later ones.

While I'm on that subject, one of the most rewarding aspects of this series is the numerous "Easter eggs" that

I've hidden along the way. There are small things that, upon first reading, you'll think are inconsequential. For those that re-read the series, once all the pieces have been put into place, you'll see incidents or dialog in a whole new light. In retrospect, these clues should appear obvious, and if I've done my job properly they will remain buried until the proper time. In this respect, I hope the book will be a lot like the movie *The Sixth Sense*.

*The Riyria Revelations*, especially in the beginning, is little more than fast-paced light fantasy. As the series progresses, I think you'll see more depth both in the world of Elan and the characters. This was a purposeful decision and a dangerous one. It means that by design the first book is the weakest of the set, but enables me to end the series with a resounding bang. This technique may mean that some will stop after reading the first book, assuming I have little talent. They may not feel "connected" to the characters because there was not enough for them to latch onto. All I can say is that I feel the reward of incremental discovery outweighed my alternatives. If after completing the entire story, you feel I lack ability, at least I'll know you came to the conclusion having all the facts on which to judge me.

The last thing I'd like to say about this series is that I wrote it for pure enjoyment--both for you and myself. First and foremost it was meant to entertain. My goal was to write a book that I would like to read, to be with friends that I wanted to spend time with, and go on an adventure filled with surprises and some heartfelt moments. While I wrote the books for adults, I kept it free of foul language, sex, and graphic violence so that it could be enjoyed by people of all ages. This series is reminiscent of the fantasies I read as a youth and wasn't meant as any kind of commentary on current trends in modern fantasy. Yes, it incorporates archetypes and familiar themes, but hopefully they are used in a way that will make them feel fresh. What I was striving for was to create a series that felt as familiar and comfortable as your favorite pair of shoes. Hopefully there are people out there with similar tastes, and if you are one of them, I predict you'll enjoy the journey very much.

Michael

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### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Jesus Puga:**

Reading a reserve tends to be new life style with this era globalization. With reading through you can get a lot of information that could give you benefit in your life. Along with book everyone in this world can certainly share their idea. Publications can also inspire a lot of people. Many author can inspire their very own reader with their story as well as their experience. Not only the storyline that share in the ebooks. But also they write about advantage about something that you need example of this. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach children, there are many kinds of book which exist now. The authors these days always try to improve their expertise in writing, they also doing some investigation before they write on their book. One of them is this Theft of Swords (Riyria Revelations box set Book 1).

#### **James Brown:**

A lot of people always spent their very own free time to vacation or even go to the outside with them friends and family or their friend. Do you realize? Many a lot of people spent they free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. If you want to try to find a new activity that's look different you

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