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Author Expresses Hope To A Divided World With Fiction Novel

A tale of an unbreakable bond between two soul mates from different cultures

In 2014 the desire to share a hopeful story with a world seemingly obsessed with hatred motivated Shawn Hill, author of the novel *JULIANDRA*, to continue learning the basics of writing, a skill he admittedly neglected to hone since dropping out of high school. Not to tell the events of his life, but rather a fictional story describing two characters of different race bound by a love so strong it becomes unstoppable, crossing into the realm of supernatural.

At the age of 10, Shawn was asked to choose between his divorcing parents. That decision resulted in an agonizing life encapsulated by criminal figures, drug addicts, and an alcoholic mother predisposed to chaos. The temporary escape provided by public school faded as racial tensions of the era made it impossible to attend classes without being pushed, shoved, punched or bullied in some way. At 17, he had enough and finally left it all behind, school, home, everything.

Shawn went on to earn a GED, an Associates in Electronics Engineering, became a small business owner, a photographer, earned a 2nd Dan rank in Taekwondo, and worked to help youth as a volunteer instructor for over 10 years, hoping to set a good example for kids and to provide opportunities for those from lower income households.

“I truly believe life is the most precious and miraculous gift anyone could ever receive or lose, and when people see beyond the surface amazing things can happen. I wanted to express that concept in a story and when I started, I couldn’t stop until every thought was translated into words.” – Shawn Hill, Author, Photographer, and IT Consultant with VASTmicro Inc.

Shawn hopes to inspire people to look past color, beyond culture, further than they normally see, in order to become unified by the one thing that we all have in common, life. Read more at juliandrathebook.com

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