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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The first volume of Dalglish's Shadowdance trilogy, a frenetic masterpiece with growing pains (to quote the author's modest afterword) that achieved self-published success, has been substantially revised for this edition, but its core remains a winning combination of *A Game of Thrones*, sword-and-sorcery RPGs, and vivid description. Aaron, the son of master thief Thren Felhorn, is an unprepossessing introvert who catches his father's attention by stabbing an intruder—at age eight. Five years later, Aaron is learning the thieving trade in Veldaren, a city defined by internal war between the thieves' guilds and the merchants' guilds, with the weak, paranoid king a pawn on the board. The point of view shifts continually, encompassing bit players and major characters from every angle of the struggle, and Dalglish handles his cast of thousands with aplomb. Despite the inevitable quasi-medieval setting, saucy dagger-wielding maidens, and very convenient magic, this is a fun read. Dalglish puts familiar pieces together with a freshness and pleasure that are contagious. Agent: Michael Carr, Veritas Literary Agency. (Oct.)

Review

"Dalglish concocts a heady cocktail of energy, breakneck pace and excitement." **Sam Sykes, author of *Tome of the Undergates***

"Fast, furious, and fabulous." **Michael J. Sullivan, author of *Theft of Swords***

"[A] winning combination of *A Game of Thrones*, sword-and-sorcery RPGs, and vivid description...Dalglish puts familiar pieces together with a freshness and pleasure that are contagious." **Publishers Weekly**

"Strong characterization as well as detailed action...a believable tale of a young man's coming-of-age and the difficult decisions he must make. His saga should appeal to fans of R.A. Salvatore and Richard Lee Byers." **Library Journal**

About the Author

David Dalglish currently lives in rural Missouri with his wife Samantha, and daughters Morgan and Katherine. He graduated from Missouri Southern State University in 2006 with a degree in Mathematics and currently spends his free time wondering how his seven-year-old is so much better than him at *Minecraft*.

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