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Dear Reader,

Thank you for investing your time in reading, *The Prophecy*. I am very appreciative for your enthusiasm to provide me with comments and critiques on this work. Also, if you would like, feel free to include a comment or two that I might use in my marketing effort.

The Prophecy is my first novel. I began writing as a freshman in high school when I wrote the first chapter. Two years later as a junior, I remember cleaning out the hard drive on my computer and discovering the first chapter of what would become *The Prophecy*. I began to dabble with the story and soon I could not stop. In fifteen months, *The Prophecy* was written.

As a child, I had always dreamed of far away lands, mighty warriors, and mysterious magic. In writing *The Prophecy*, I have put all my childhood dreams onto paper in a mature and exciting manner. I have penned a tale about Lionel Balimore, a young prince who must face many difficulties in claiming his throne and leading his people. Many of Lionel's struggles are not very different from the struggles that innumerable young people face in our contemporary world. *The Prophecy* is the first book of a trilogy which comprises a series of trilogies. It comprises traditional values that many overlook today, honor, loyalty, love, faith, fear, courage and perseverance.

By sharing this work with you I feel a sense of fulfillment and joy like I have never known before. I am proud of my work and sincerely wish you will enjoy it! In writing this novel, one of my greatest dreams has come true. I only hope you will enjoy reading *The Prophecy* as much as I did writing it. I earnestly hope that my work illustrates my passion for writing and storytelling and substantiates an investment of your time in me.

Regards,
Shane P. Simon