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### Editorial Review

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The first of a trilogy, *Blood Song* is this British author's first fantasy novel, and the first one to be printed. It was originally an e-book, as were three science-fiction novels Ryan has also written. The plot is standard: a young boy's father abandons him at the door of the Sixth, or fighting, Order of the national faith. He is raised to be a warrior, and becomes one of the most effective in the forces of his king, Janus, of the Unified Realm. But a number of vital questions arise as the story progresses, starting with why his father cast him out of the family and into the Faith in the first place. While the plot is standard, it is deftly and originally executed, as are the characters. They are complex characters, not archetypes. The setting is medieval-based, but with a number of original differences (especially the religion!). Ryan's style makes *Blood Song* a page-turner. Apt turns of phrase, descriptions that linger, questions answered at unexpected times all make the story definitely superior to much of the genre. It should please a wide audience, but those who do not care for gory fantasy adventure are hereby warned. --Frieda Murray

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"Ryan hits all the high notes of epic fantasy--a gritty setting, ancien magics, ruthless intrigue, divided loyalties and bloody action."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Just impossible to put down...I had to read it ASAP and to reread it immediately on finishing, as I could not part from the wonderful universe the author created."—*Fantasy Book Critic*

"Anthony Ryan is a new fantasy author destined to make his mark on the genre. His debut novel, *Blood Song*, certainly has it all: great coming of age tale, compelling character, and a fast-paced plot. If his first book is any indication of things to come, then all fantasy readers should rejoice, as a new master storyteller has hit the scene."—Michael J. Sullivan, author of the *Riyria Revelations* series

#### About the Author

**Anthony Ryan** was born in Scotland in 1970 but spent much of his adult life living and working in London. After a long career in the British Civil Service he took up writing full time after the success of his first novel *Blood Song*, Book One of the Raven's Shadow trilogy. He has a degree in history, and his interests include art, science and the unending quest for the perfect pint of real ale.

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