



A Landmark In Bahraini Literature, "QuixotiQ: A Novel" Released

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The Debut Novel of the First Bahraini Novelist, Ali Al Saeed, One of the Rare Talents to Emerge from the Arabian Gulf into the International Literary Scene, Launched Through iUniverse.

PR9.NET August 19, 2004 - (Manama, Bahrain) A five-year dream has finally to come true for former Arab journalist Ali Al-Saeed -- with the publication of his first book. And his supernatural thriller 'QuixotiQ' will also mark the first time a Bahraini author has published a novel in English!

The tension-packed mystery thriller with its unearthly undertones has just gone on sale all over the world later this year. And already, rave reviews are coming in from critics.

Ali, 26, was a journalist on the Gulf Daily News and the Bahrain Tribune for six years. But he felt his writing talent lay in fiction and has dedicated thousands of hours to produce the book of his dreams.

Though Ali admits: "At times the dream was more like a nightmare. I had to struggle for every spare minute to work on my manuscript. There were times when it seemed impossible. I came close at times to quitting."

But Ali didn't quit. A year ago, he took his courage in both hands and gave up the day job to dedicate himself full time to completing his manuscript.

"I knew it would be near impossible to get someone to publish my book," he said. "In the Arab world, and especially in the Gulf region, publishers of English fiction are virtually non-existent. I had to make yet another decisio."

So Ali followed in the footsteps of other literary greats like Mark Twain, Charles Dickens and Conan Doyle and decided to become his own publisher!

With help from friends, he raised the money to publish the book through USA-based iUniverse Inc., one of the best-quoted companies producing and distributing books for self-publishing authors.

Neil Marr -- Editor in Chief at the European-based BeWrite Books, who has worked on some of Ali's short story fiction work -- said: "As far as we can see, Ali is the very first Bahraini author to publish fiction directly in English. So, not only is 'QuixotiQ' a huge achievement as a novel, it's also a landmark in Bahraini literature."

And 'QuixotiQ' is certainly that -- a good tale! It is a story of love, hate and dark secrets, a story where characters find hope and despair in the remains of shattered dreams.

QuixotiQ by Ali Al-Saeed, is now available to order online through the iUniverse bookstore (at www.iuniverse.com) priced \$13.95 -- with the e-book format costing \$6 - ISBN# 0-595-77564-0, and will also be available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other online book retailers within the next few weeks.

Details of that, along with more information -- including synopsis, extracts, news, reviews and author bio -- can be found at the official novel website www.quixotiQ.bravehost.com. Those interested can also log onto Ali's web journal at www.quixotiQ.bravejournal.com in which he talks about life as a writer, his books and stories, and his experience with publishing.

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