

Ottawa Author Tackles Domestic Social Issues in Debut Young Adult Horror Novel, *The Page Turners*.

The Page Turners, by Ottawa-based author Kevin T. Johns, provides thrilling horror for young adult readers, while addressing social issues such as family breakdown, bullying, parental abuse, and the challenges of growing-up in small town Canada.

Ottawa, Ontario - December 2013 – *The Page Turners*, released in paperback and e-book this month from Cat & Bean Publishing, is the debut young adult paranormal horror novel from Ottawa-based author Kevin T. Johns.

The Page Turners tells the story of three teenagers who, after discovering a book of magic spells, accidentally release a fictional killer into the real world. While the novel contains all the grisly thrills one would expect from such a tale, some of the narrative's most effective moments of horror come in the form of alcoholic parents, disinterested teachers, cruel peers, and authority figures who refuse to aid the teens in their time of need.

"I'm a child of divorced parents, and I spent my teen years living in a small town. I was this punk rock kid who felt completely alienated from the rural environment around me, but I found solace in horror, fantasy, and science fiction," says the author. "With *The Page Turners*, I hoped to craft a novel that would speak to teens going through the same issues I dealt with in my adolescent years, and provide them with the comfort that I found in the stories I read."

Critics are describing *The Page Turners: Blood* as "a crimson-stained love letter to genre fiction" and the first book in a "must read" trilogy. The paperback and ebook are available for purchase immediately from Amazon.com and Amazon.ca.

More from the critics:

"With all due respect to Alice Munro, *The Page Turners*' chiaroscuro coming-of-age tale could be seen as a truer inheritor of the literary mantles of Ann Radcliffe, Edgar Allan Poe, and James Hogg." -- Brendan Blom, Apt613.ca

"Kevin T. Johns does a masterful job of making you feel like you're actually there. Highly recommended, this series is on my must read list." -- Shawn LaChance, Horror-Writers.net

"If you like dark tales that don't sugar coat real life issues then this is a great story to pick up." -- Julie Darley, www.juliedarley.com

For more information about *The Page Turners*, please visit www.thepageturnerstrilogy.com, www.facebook.com/thepageturnerstrilogy, or contact Kevin at 613-595-0789, kevintjohns@gmail.com, or on Twitter @Kevin_T_Johns.

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