

*Fall of the Dragon Prince*, by Dan Allen (Jolly Fish Press, 2016)

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In Jolly Fish Press's—located in Provo, Utah—newest book by Dan Allen, *Fall of the Dragon Prince*, there is suspense, adventure, and action. *Fall of the Dragon Prince* is the first novel of a trilogy series, *The Forgotten Heirs* and was published on November 15, 2016. The story focuses on a rumor that there are five heirs alive, all descendants of the late King Toran who united the realms and died in his last campaign. Many mysteries surround the late king including a tale about an item called the Lyrium Compass, but most dismiss all of it as myths. Things begin to change. The story focuses on two drastically different people: Terith and Reann. The writing goes back and forth between their point of views, but is easy to follow. Reann works as a servant in a castle in the Erdali Realm that has no ruler, while Terith lives in the Montazi Realm raising dragons and teaching others how to ride them. Both have one thing in common, their bloodline, but neither is aware of how important they are. The book has twists and turns and moments that makes it a page-turner. The characters are well-rounded with personalities that make them relatable. Reann wishes to do what she wants rather than live a life of servitude. She desires something new, different, exciting, which is what she receives when she meets a mysterious man looking for King Toran's heirs. Terith has a specific goal that he believes he needs to meet. He is driven and dedicated to his work with dragons. Dan Allen's magical world of dragons, princesses and princes, and magic is engrossing. For those who may have read *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini or other fantasy books, this book contains similar elements but with a new and wonderful twist. I would highly recommend reading it if you love fantasy books with fascinating characters and a wonderfully crafted world.