



**Port Orchard, WA Author Publishes Debut Novel**

**In This Novel a Man Finds a Crystal that Gives him Special Powers**

*Paladin: The Beginning*, a new book by Raleigh Minard, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

What began as a simple encounter—a first date spent hiking—turns into a life-changing event for Steve. Once he found a crystal and understood the powers within it, he was able to develop a life outside of the one he had. No longer did he need to stay in his lab and experiment. He could see the world. He could fight drug dealers and protect the world from their evil.

Sure, along the way he wound up a victim of an explosion, was in a coma for a while, and suffered some serious burns. But he also has the power within him to teleport to other places, meet the girl of his dreams, and start a family.

Join Steve on his journey from this life to the one he creates in *Paladin: The Beginning*.

**About the Author**

Raleigh Minard is a U.S. Navy veteran, having spent six years in the Navy before earning a degree in engineering. He spent his career working for Boeing. Minard lives in the Pacific Northwest, in western Washington. In his spare time, when not writing, Minard likes to carve wood.

Growing up, Minard didn't enjoy writing. Once he developed the right character, however, he found pleasure in writing. He hopes that others can know how enjoyable writing can be. This is Minard's first book.

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