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#### Review

Both a psychological thriller and a fantasy quest, *The Mussorgsky Riddle* is imaginative, thoughtful and ambitious. - A.J. Hartley, New York Times and USA Today Best Selling Author of *The Mask of Atreus* and *On The Fifth Day*

Genius, madness, magic and murder in a well-spun, suspenseful tale. - Gail Z. Martin, author of *Deadly Curiosities*

A debut as strong as it is solid. Fast-paced and filled with twists that will keep you turning pages, *The Mussorgsky Riddle* is a fresh idea executed with all the finesse of a seasoned author. - Linda Robertson, author of the Persephone Alcmedi series

Darin Kennedy's debut novel, *The Mussorgsky Riddle*, is a masterfully written ode to *Pictures at an Exhibition* and a thrilling, psychological page turner! - Roy A. Mauritsen, author of *Shards of the Glass Slipper*

Darin Kennedy is a literary genius. *The Mussorgsky Riddle* is truly like nothing that I have ever read before. Mr. Kennedy describes the fantasy world inside Anthony's mind so vividly that it leaps off the page. The fast-paced story grabs ahold of you and does not let go until you have turned the very last page. - Lori at Bitten By Books

What an enchanting story!! Educational, absorbing, paranormal, classical, mythical--with soul-stirring, soul-consuming depths, *The Mussorgsky Riddle* is lyrical, empathetic, literary; and because of it, I developed an affinity for the classical music at its heart. - Mallory Anne-Marie Forbes at Mallory Heart Reviews

#### About the Author

Darin Kennedy, born and raised in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Bowman Gray School of Medicine. After completing family medicine residency in the mountains of Virginia, he served eight years as a United States Army physician and wrote his first novel in 2003 in the sands of northern Iraq.

His debut novel, *The Mussorgsky Riddle*, was born from a fusion of two of his lifelong loves--classical music and world mythology-- and is slated for publication by Curiosity Quills Press on 12 Jan 2015. He is currently hard at work on his next novel.

His short stories can be found in various publications, many of which are available through Amazon, and most of which have been collected in his two short story compilations - *Necromancer for Hire: The April Sullivan Chronicles* & *The Sicilian Defense and Other Dark Tales* - also available on Amazon.

Doctor by day and novelist by night, he writes and practices medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina. When not engaged in either of the above activities, he has been known strum the guitar, enjoy a bite of sushi, and rumor has it he even sleeps on occasion.

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