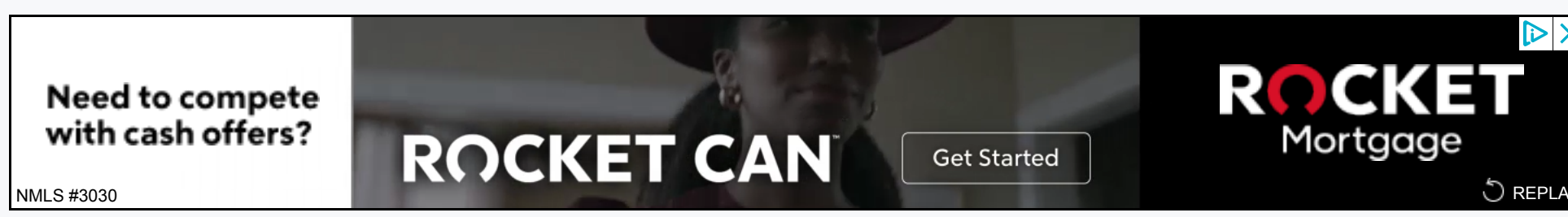


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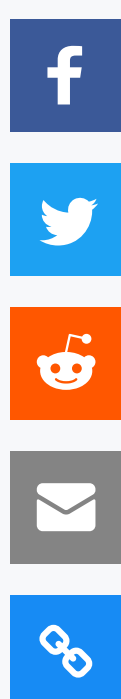


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Minnesota fantasy writer to talk about his work in Dodge Center

Dark Horse Publishing released his book "Return of the Wizard King," the first in a trilogy, Sept. 15.

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Chad Corrie (Contributed photo)

By his own admission, Chad Corrie was an unlikely student to become a published author.

"I generally didn't like to read, and I wasn't a great English student," said the Twin Cities-area writer.

Fast-forward to Sept. 15, when Dark Horse Publishing released his book "Return of the Wizard King," the first in a trilogy.

Before becoming a published author, what little Corrie did read was generally short stories, including works by Robert E. Howard, the father of swords-and-sorcery fantasy.

Corrie wanted more of it. But in the time before the internet became a common household utility, finding it was difficult.



"We kinda had to make our own entertainment," he said.

That's how his fantasy world came about.

"I sat down and figured out I could tell my own stories," he said.

Corrie said it's more than a world. It's a universe full of worlds and realities. Keeping his stories to a single world would be too confining, he said. That's why he turned to the fantasy genre.

"With science fiction, you have to make it fit within a certain reality," he said.

Fantasy doesn't have those restrictions.

Since he was in high school, Corrie has created pantheons of heroes, legends and worlds within his realm. However, if you pick up his new trilogy, don't expect a guidebook.

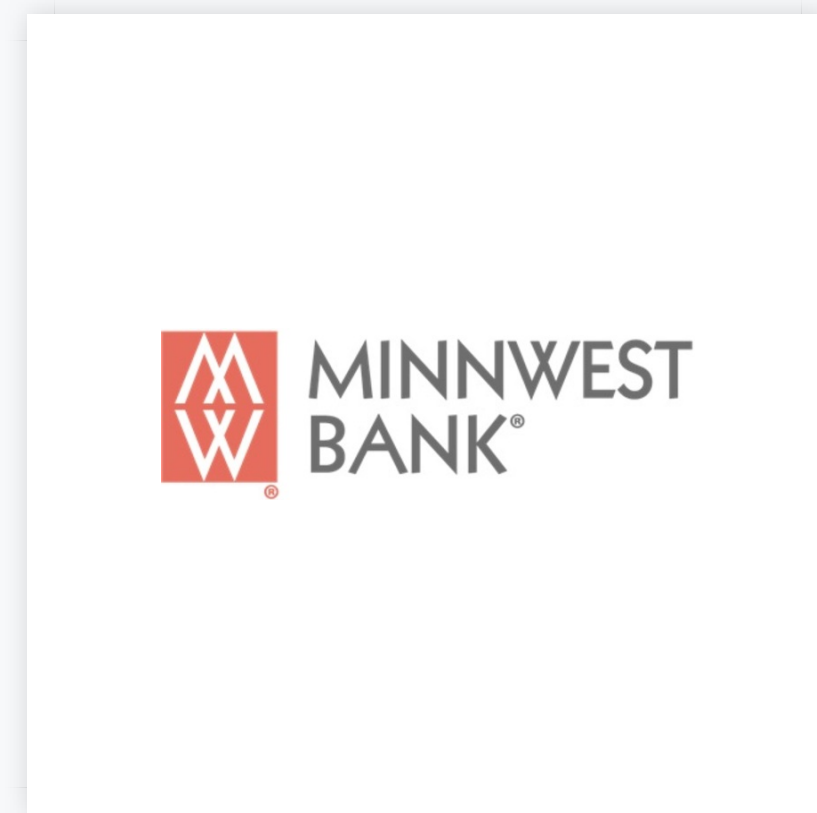
"The story's the main thing," he said. The fantasy universe, "that's more the flavor."

The worlds and histories give characters in the story depth. As the characters travel to unknown places, the reader sees how characters from different backgrounds react. Whether you're writing fantasy, science fiction or historical fiction, thought-out characters are key to writing a compelling story, he said.

Corrie will share his experiences writing and publishing works of fiction Tuesday (Sept. 29) at a "Making Fantasy More Believable" author talk and question-answer session in Dodge Center. The event is at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Dodge Center.

He will also sign copies of his book at the event. To observe social distancing, Corrie is also offering signed copies through ongoing "contact-free" book signings. People can buy a copy of his book and set it aside for him to sign later. He will sign copies at the Barnes & Noble at Apache Mall in Rochester on Tuesday (Sept. 29).

Other events and signings are listed on his website, chadcorrie.com.



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