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Legend tells of the fallen star Nihrel whose Shards are scattered across the world of Orennia. When Danyen learns of an ancient magical sword--the Shard Slenya--and mysterious soldiers attack his island village, his life is changed forever. Danyen soon finds himself evading pursuers, traversing oceans, and battling terrible foes in a quest to save the people of Orennia. But although the sword bestows extraordinary power to its wielder, Slenya places Danyen in more peril than ever. All the while, the insidious Reeku is planning a violent rise to power, for he has also discovered a Shard of Nihrel; and now it is only a matter of time before he uses its magic to find the others and become unstoppable.

The race for the Shards of Nihrel has begun. In this tale of courage, honor, and willpower, Danyen and his friends increasingly learn just how large a role they may have to play in restoring peace to an all-too-chaotic world. This is the first book in the *Shards of Nihrel* trilogy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

BAYAN JALALIZADEH was born and raised in Texas. He is nineteen years old and he's already being compared to Christopher Paolini, author of *Eragon*. Currently, he is studying biomedical engineering at Washington University in St. Louis along with his twin brother, Rohan. He spends what little free time he has reading books and simply thinking. Bayan is an avid musician and a hopeful artist, and a life of frequent travel has inspired him to create lush fantasy worlds. His love of literature drove him to write this novel, and he is now on the way to completing the next installment of the *Shards of Nihrel* trilogy. Visit him at www.bayanjalalizadeh.com.



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