

Avar Press is Now Accepting Submissions for Cash Awards, Publication of the Best High School Essays Analyzing D. J. Solomon's 'Xen: Ancient English Edition'

In recognition of outstanding high school students, Avar Press is now accepting essays for the 2006 Literary Contest. The three best critical essays on "Xen: Ancient English Edition" will be awarded cash prizes as well as publication. The contest is free and open to all rising juniors and seniors.

Wilmington, NC (PRWEB) February 6, 2006 -- Avar Press will be awarding three cash prizes and publication for the best critical essays submitted by U.S. high school students in 2006. The essays may cover any analysis of "Xen: Ancient English Edition," by D. J. Solomon. There will be a first, second, and third prize. Winners will be announced by September 1, 2006. The contest is free; no entrance fee is required.

"Xen" is a tale of misanthropic scientist, Pawkey Seneschal, his struggle to overcome his--and all of mankind's--innate xenophobia. With eugenics in paradox, this is a story to be embraced by humanitarians, pacifists, libertarians, feminists, utopians, anti-racists, animal rights activists, and the counter culture science fiction community. The first prize winner will receive \$500, second prize \$250, and third prize \$100; matching prizes will be awarded to the high schools. All winning essays will be published.

Essays must be no longer than 1500 words and will be accepted any time before June 30, 2006. The contest is open to all US high school students who will be juniors or seniors in the academic year beginning in the fall of 2006. The purpose of the contest is to promote and recognize outstanding scholarship in our high schools. Students who would consider competing in Oprah's National High School Essay Contest are particularly encouraged to apply.

Melissa Kaufman, the CEO of Avar Press, has also noted that one enthusiastic reader wrote in to say that she had forwarded the cipher Puzzle in "Xen" to Ms. Marilyn vos Savant, whose weekly column, "Ask Marilyn®," appears in "Parade Magazine." That was in September. To date, no solution has been offered.

Complete details can be obtained from the Avar Press website or by mail: P.O. Box 1993, Whiteville, NC 28472. "Xen" may be obtained from traditional and online retailers as well as from school and public libraries.

About the author:

D.J. Solomon is a Stanford M.D., Brandeis Phi Beta Kappa, and Westinghouse Science Talent Search Scholarship winner. He has a private practice in rural North Carolina. "Xen" is his first novel, second book, the first published in 1979. He lives with two dogs and has three children.

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