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INTRODUCING “CHATURANGA” – A YOUNG ADULT NOVEL ABOUT THE SILK ROAD

Lexington, KY, July 5, 2016 – Andrew C. Katen has released his new book, *Chaturanga*, a young adult novel that entertains while it educates readers about one of the oldest yet least understood regions of the world – Central Asia.

Chaturanga centers around Patrick Eaton, a fourteen-year-old raised on the legendary tales of his forefathers, each intrepid explorers in their own time. As an American boy in the twenty-first century, Patrick doubts whether he will have the opportunity to follow in their footsteps. The surprising opportunity to accompany his geologist father on a business trip to Azerbaijan leads to an adventure that encompasses a secret journal, codes, political intrigue, buried treasures, and family legacies.

The novel has already received praise from experts in the fields of Silk Road history, geopolitics, and energy.

Francis O'Donnell, Emmy-nominated filmmaker of the PBS documentary *In the Footsteps of Marco Polo*, describes *Chaturanga* as a book that is “full of wanderlust and adventure, one that Marco Polo himself would have recognized and enjoyed.”

“[*Chaturanga*] is written with panache and great scope,” adds Lutz Kleveman, author of *The New Great Game*. “Like Kipling’s *Kim*, it takes the reader on a journey through little-known Central Asia, a part of the world still as fascinating as it was 150 years ago.”

Steven Gardner, 2015 President of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, says, “[This book] will appeal not only to the young adult audience, but adults as well... Katen’s perception of both geopolitical history and current events will help readers understand what is going on in today’s world.”

While the subject matter of *Chaturanga* reflects Katen’s professional interests, it was ultimately fatherhood that inspired him to write a young adult novel. “As a parent, I wanted to create a story that’s fun, thought-provoking, and relevant – and without violence, profanity, or adult themes. I wrote a book that I would have enjoyed as a teen, and which I look forward to sharing with my own children.”

Andrew C. Katen is an educator, geopolitical analyst, and geologist who has taught middle school and college. He has published and presented on topics related to geopolitics and risk management. Katen holds an M.S. in national security studies and B.S. degrees in geology and biology. He lives with his wife and two children in Kentucky. *Chaturanga* is his first novel.

For more information about *Chaturanga* and its author, please visit www.chaturangabook.com/press-kit or contact Andrew C. Katen at akaten@chaturangabook.com.

Chaturanga is available for purchase in paperback and e-book format at Amazon.

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