

# The Firstborn

 By Conlan Brown | Realms | softcover | 304 pages | \$

*The Firstborn*, a thriller by new author Conlan Brown, jumps immediately into overdrive and doesn't slow down. The opening sequence erupts with heart-pounding action, daring escapes and a victory that leaves the reader wanting more.

Brown introduces us to *The Firstborn*, made up of three groups: the Domani (those that see the future), Prima (those that see the past) and the Ora (those that see the present), all descendants of those resurrected during the resurrection of Christ.

Mistrust fractures *The Firstborn* as each group can only see the purpose of their own gifting and misunderstand the significance of the other two groups, making allegorical asides about the spiritual gifts within the a member of one of the groups decides to murder an Islamic holy man, the rest must learn to put aside their differences to stop a terrorist attack threatening the lives of hundreds of innocent children.

As the characters race against time to save lives, readers can almost hear the tense turning of the clock from the TV show 24. *The Firstborn* is an addictive adventure and written with such quality that it's hard to believe it's Brown's debut.

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