

# Stephan von Clinkerhoffen

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## Cheltenham author wins double gold at international book awards



**SOUTH DAKOTA** – Literary Classics International Book Awards selects *The Hidden City of Chelldrah-ham* as gold medal winner in two categories this month from globally submitted entries.

Stephan von Clinkerhoffen, the author of *The Hidden City of Chelldrah-ham* series of three books, was awarded gold for best series for High School age. Clinkerhoffen was also awarded gold for the first book in the series *Stig's Flight of Encounters* for Middle School age.

According to the Literary Classics website, “distinguished honorees are recognized for their contributions to the craft of writing, illustrating, and publishing exceptional literature for a youth audience. In this highly competitive industry these books represent the foremost in literature in their respective categories.”

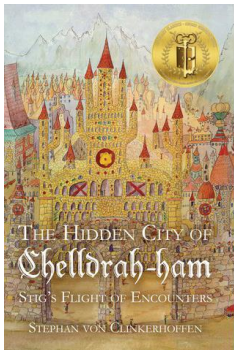
Clinkerhoffen, who gave up his full time job for three years, to volunteer for the New Zealand Red Cross in earthquake ravaged Christchurch said, “I found it almost impossible to paint realism whilst surrounded by so much sadness and destruction. So I created my own fantasyland and began writing.”

“In *The Hidden City of Chelldrah-ham*... What at first seems like a standard coming-of-age tale quickly becomes something new through a diverse cast of characters and fantastical landscapes.”— *Foreword Clarion Reviews*

“The background details pay off in this fast-paced sequel. Clinkerhoffen blends imaginative flora... and fauna... with the hero's love of machinery and problem-solving skills. An engaging book for kids, with a particular interest for the budding mechanic.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

“*Belas Rift* is an enjoyable fantasy adventure that grapples with the tensions between technological advancement and respect for natural elements... a richly imaginative and unique fantasy story...” — *Foreword Clarion Reviews*

The *Hidden City of Chelldrah-ham* series is available in paperback and on Kindle.



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