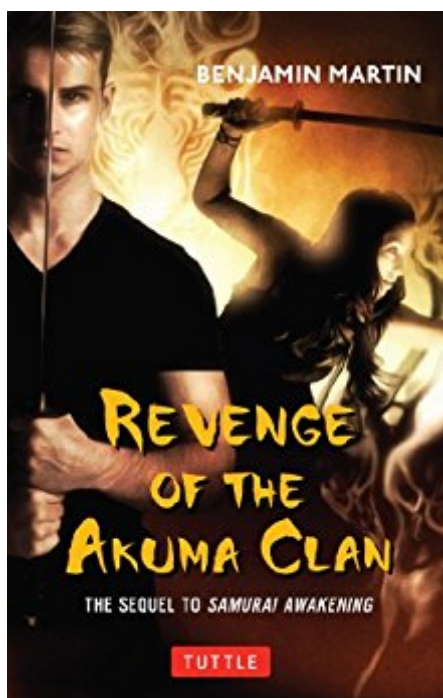


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Revenge Of The Akuma Clan: Samurai Awakening Book 2



Synopsis

It's time for Revenge. Benjamin Martin, author of the 2011 Breakthrough Novel Award semi-finalist *Samurai Awakening*, returns with another masterpiece of young adult fiction and the next installment in his riveting shapeshifter saga. American teenager David Matthews has more to deal with than the average exchange student living in Japan—*a lot more*. In *Samurai Awakening*, David woke one morning to discover that he'd been empowered and possessed by the tiger god Kou. Now a Jitsugen Samurai in Revenge of the Akuma Clan and able to take on Kou's form, David must use his new abilities to protect Japan from the terrifying evil creeping across the land—and waiting for him to fail. As his relationships, especially with Rie his host sister, grow uncertain, he must forge deeper connections with Kou, the tiger god that resides with him, and form new alliances if he hopes to hold back the return of Japan's ancient enemies. It is up to David to stop the powerful and vengeful Akuma Clan—and time is running out.

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Customer Reviews

So gooooooooooooo I can't believe it was even better than the first one! I can't wait until the next book!

When I finished Samurai Awakening, the first book in this series, my reaction was basically "I love it!". Now, for Revenge of the Akuma Clan, my reaction is "I LOVE IT AND I NEED THE SEQUEL NOW!" But before I start, I need to thank Benjamin for the review copy that he sent. And it's autographed so this is one book I'm never getting rid of! :D

Revenge of the Akuma Clan follows David as he continues on his path to be a Jitsugen Samurai, a samurai who protects Japan. But Chul Soon, the antagonist in Samurai Awakening is planning his revenge on David. David prepares for the next attack, but will he be strong enough? -resisting the urge to spoil the book-AHEM.

To continue, this book continues the strong characterisation in the first book and even introduces a few new characters (or rather, more of David's classmates find out his secret). Plus, existing characters like Takumi, Natsuki and Rie continue to develop and form new relationships. And of course, there is Kou and Reimi, the two kami inhabiting David and Takumi respectively. That's a large cast of characters. And yet those are just the kids. There are more adults, and I even learned something new about Yukiko, David's host mother.

The pacing of this book starts off normal at first (an ookami incident, a bullying incident), but towards the end of the book, it starts to pick up and rushes at you like a shinkansen. It's definitely the more exciting part, with one event leading to another.

What I liked about this book, apart from the plot and the characters, was how David's personal (Jitsugen Samurai) life and school life started to get more and more intertwined. It felt like the most natural route, since there is no way that so many supernatural events/fights can happen without anyone noticing.

The other thing that I liked was the school trip to Kyushu. It is the island where I'm living on after all. In addition, I've been to most of the places that David and his class goes to. I do wish there was more detail, but I didn't see any mistakes. And since a lot of books set in Japan tend to focus on Tokyo (or Osaka), it was refreshing to see Fukuoka and the rest of Kyushu appear.

If you liked Samurai Awakening, you have to get the sequel. If you're a fan of Japan/fiction set in Japan but haven't read it yet, what are you waiting for? Go and get these two books now!

Disclaimer: I got a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for a free and honest review. This review was first posted at

<http://www.allsortsofbooks.blogspot.jp/2014/03/revenge-of-akuma-clan-by-benjamin-martin.html>

While 'Samurai Awakening' was great, 'Revenge' is awesome! This book has everything, romance, mystery, conflict, perseverance, and mythological history. Just enough detail to give you the right

picture, but leave room for your imagination. Great plot line, and the language is just right to make it universal for ages 8 (with limited parental help) and up! Well written, so it's relevant to just about all age groups. I just started reading it for the heck of it after reading the first in the series, and found myself struggling to put it down! It's one of my favorites now, after only 'Jane Eyre'. I hope there is another one to follow soon! I do recommend reading the first book, 'Samurai Awakening', first or you may not understand everything, and not get the full experience. These books are not usually the style I like, but they were a great surprise! Take a chance if you're unsure, you'll be pleasantly rewarded with a great story.

I had a great time reading the second book of the series. I felt that whereas the first book spent a good amount of time setting up the story/background and introducing all the characters thoroughly, the second book was able to dive right into the crazy transforming action-packed scenes that I really like about these books. All I can say is that things have gotten preeeetty intense with the Akuma Clan. Also, it's nice to get a glimpse into Japanese culture and school life (school trips, Valentine's Day, etc.) through the eyes of David (the foreigner), his Japanese friends/host siblings, and even the tiger kami as well. The conversations David has with Kou are as amusing and sarcastic as ever. Overall, it's a good and easy read, and I'm really curious to know what's going to happen next.

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