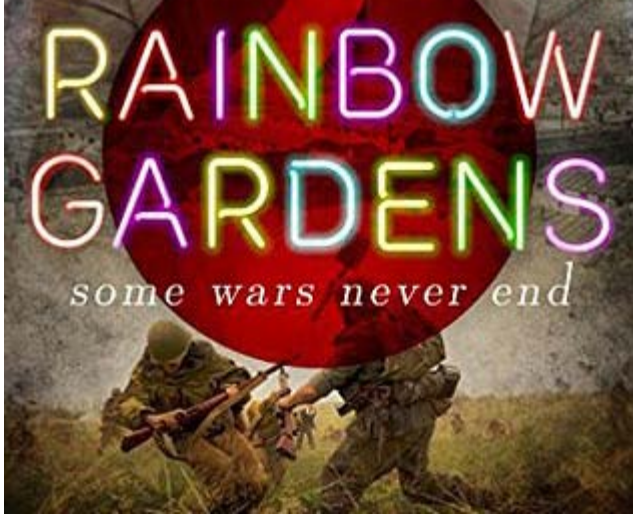


Alfred University alumnus James Malone's 'Rainbow Garden' under consideration for OZMA Award
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Rainbow Gardens, a historical fantasy written by Alfred University alumnus James Malone &72, is under consideration for the OZMA Fantasy Books Awards.

The novel has been described as magical realism and/or historical fantasy. Either way, it tells the story of Harry Shikita, a Japanese immigrant in the 1920&s who opens Minnesota&s first motel and then is adopted by a clan of trolls who are descendants of the Biblical Cain..

In addition, the novel&s historical backdrop includes national animosity towards Japanese immigrants, as well as the U.S. government decision to intern Japanese-Americans including Harry Shikita -- after the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The OZMA Awards writing competition recognizes emerging new talent and outstanding works in the genre of fantasy, magic, steampunk, fairytale, and swords and sorcery fiction. The OZMA Awards is a division of the Chanticleer Book Awards & International Writing Competitions.

In addition to graduating from Alfred University, Malone is the son of a U.S. Navy career officer who was stationed in Japan following the end of World War II. Malone spent a year as a child living in Japan.

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