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Synopsis:

A century after the presidency of Donald Trump, America is a world that is at once familiar and horribly twisted. The year is 2115. For sixteen-year old Spartak Jones, the middle class is myth, democracy a con game, sexuality is fluid, a space elevator reaches to heaven, Christian fanatics are convinced environmental catastrophes presage the End Times and the first legal slave since the Civil War heralds a new entertainment option for the bored elite. It reads like a young adult novel, yet is not. Here are some reader comments: "If he continues this direction of writing he will be not only entertaining us with creative stories brilliantly written but also creating superheroes of substance – and very fine attributes!" Grady Harp, Amazon (Top 100 Reviewer)" A fascinating young protagonist combines the physical and moral attributes of both Spiderman and Superman." Katherine Forrest, author of The Kate Delafield mystery series "Riveting from the start! This book grabbed me and I couldn't put it down. We are all Spartak." Amazon'If you love The Hunger Games, and you want a bit more of a gritty and adult feel, you may love The Chronicles of Spartak, Rising Son." QueerScifi'A riveting story with a powerful political narrative." David Kirp, New York Times Contributing Writer "It weaves science fiction, fantasy and a hunky hero." Amazon'I really appreciated the way a young queer athlete and a slave becomes a symbol for a revolution." Vigilantereads "What was really scary early on in this book was the easy leap to legal slavery. And the reason it was so frightening is that it was really easy to see how that might naturally occur..." Amazon" A great read. Thought provoking! A mirror to the present. Enjoyed it immensely. Can't wait for the next episode." Amazon'This is the beginning of Spartak's world - just as the author has presciently described it." Goodreads'Coulter's writing can make us feel both at home and uneasy at the same time as he skillfully reveals a future we must fight against at all costs." Jewelle Gomez, author of The Gilda Stories The magic behind this tale is that sweet-spot time window. One century is not enough time for Star Wars extravagance. Human motivations are entirely recognizable. But the logic of the 1 percent has had plenty of time to play out into major social change that is both plausible and extreme." Professor Jack on Goodreads' I was hooked by the first chapter. The plot is creative and goes in unexpected directions and the author's insights into the abuse of power and privilege is vital in today's political landscape." Amazon"A vigorous tale." Kirkus ReviewsSpartak tells his own story. He is a scholarship student at the nation's most elite high school and captures public attention because of his athletic prowess and extraordinary beauty. His story is a fast-paced adventure and a cautionary tale about how today's social and political issues, left unaddressed, could fester and warp America over the decades and create Spartak's dystopian future. Dark and disturbing, uplifting and romantic, it is ultimately about loyalty, love and the human capacity to survive and triumph. Spartak is bisexual and lives at a time when class, not race, is the dominant reality and nobody cares about sexual orientation. In a callous and controversial decision, the U.S. Supreme Court allows humans to be used as collateral in loans claiming, "it expands opportunities for the poor without raising taxes." Spartak is kidnapped and sold. He is presented as a birthday gift for the son of the richest family just as a power struggle erupts between the ruling elite. Spartak fights for survival, pride, freedom and love, proving to be a lethal warrior. His exploits awaken a long-dormant liberal underground an and he becomes a symbol of hope for an America that used to be and might be again-a 22nd century hero who will make you cheer.