

Swords of the Six
By Scott Appleton

Scott Appleton joined us at Three Sisters Books & Gifts in December for one of our late night Thursdays to sign his new book, *Swords of the Six*. This is the first book in the series, *The Sword of the Dragon*, and Scott is busy at work on the second book in the series, *Offspring*. *Swords of the Six* sets the stage for the rest of the series. The book opens with a terrible battle where the black dragon, Valorian, overwhelms the warriors of the white dragon, Albino. We learn that some of Albino's innermost circle have betrayed him and have taken up with Valorian. Many die during the battle but one of the brave warriors, Brian, uses his last bit of strength to break his sword so that no one can use it against him or his comrades.

The story then moves forward a thousand years where we witness the birth of Albino's six daughters, who take human form. As teen-agers, the six daughters take the swords of the six and are set out on a mission by Albino, a mission that will save the human race. As the story unfolds we learn about the powers that the daughters possess both singly and as a group. As may be found in any family, there is some sibling rivalry and Albino clearly favors Dantress, the youngest of the sisters and the one with the most amazing powers. But they accept the mission that Albino sets out for them even though they are just teen-agers and the world beyond the palace is filled with evil and danger.

Much of the action in the book comes in the last half with the beginning laying the groundwork not only for the rest of this book but for the entire series. And the ending will certainly leave you waiting for the next book in the series, *Offspring*.

Swords of the Six is published by Flaming Pen Press, founded by Scott in 2009. The mission of Flaming Pen Press is to publish family-friendly books that don't contain sexual content or profane language. This is the first book published by Flaming Pen Press but Scott plans to publish works by other authors with books that encourage, enlighten, enliven, and enthrall people of all ages. Scott will be at Three Sisters Books & Gifts again on Saturday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to noon to sign his book which retails for \$16.95.