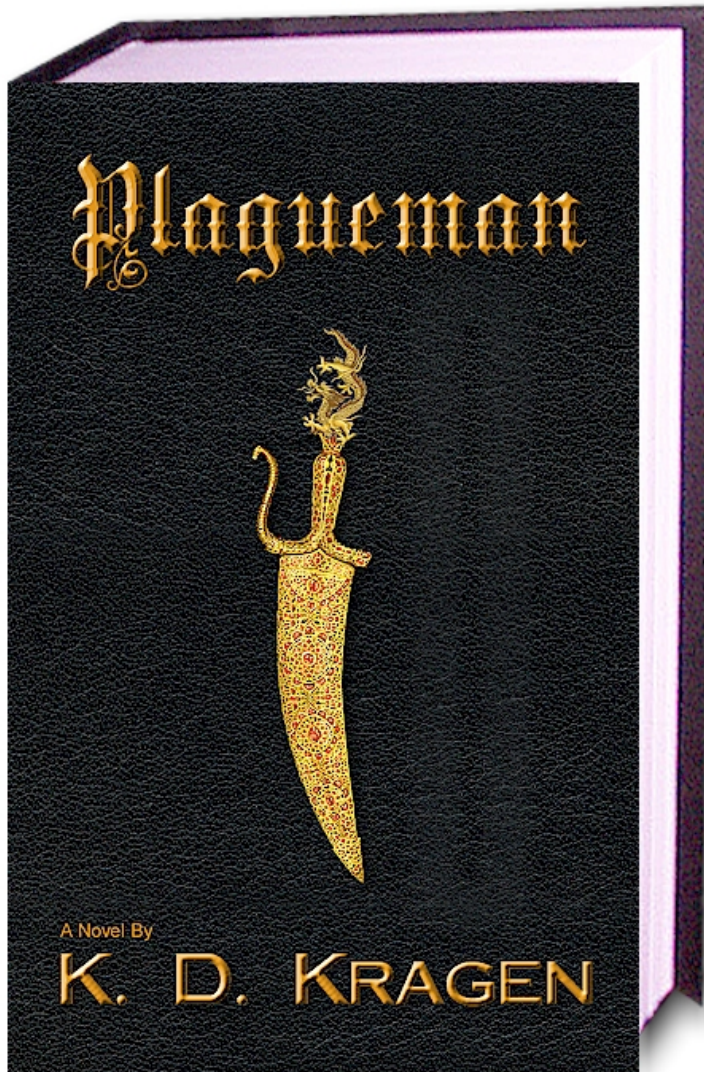


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Lt. Kierkive was a Kipchak Tartar warrior in the army of the Western Mongol Horde. Theresa was a beautiful young girl from Siena, Italy, preparing to take her vows as a nun in the Dominican order. Their lives cross in the mid-14th century, as the Black Death begins its sweep westward into Europe. Pope Clement VI sits on the papal throne in Avignon, France, surrounded by the cunning and conniving College of Cardinals and the secular Court of King Charles IV. It is a time of desperation and madness.

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