

Resonance: Volume One Awakening Turns Being Different Into The Power To Change A World

J. Robert Clark launches a science fantasy saga of extraordinary abilities, identity, friendship, and discovering strength in what sets us apart.



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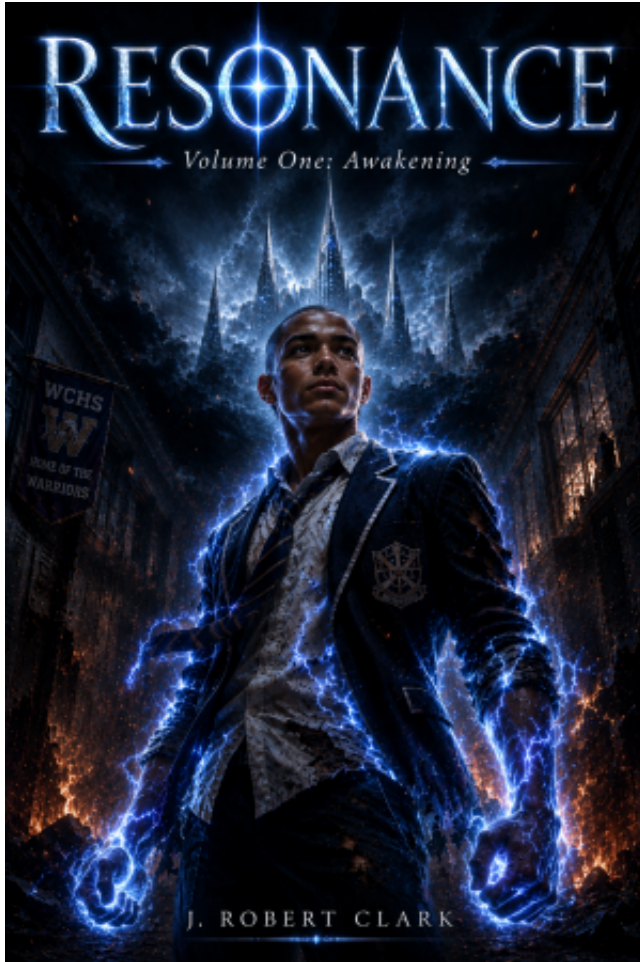
Willingboro, New Jersey Aug 27, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - J. Robert Clark introduces a world governed by extraordinary abilities in *Resonance: Volume One Awakening*, the opening installment of a character driven science fantasy saga combining progression, adventure, and high stakes conflict. For five centuries, humanity has understood power through five Resonances: Fire, Water, Earth, Wind, and Nature. Seventeen year old Riker Vance fits none of them. After concealing an impossible ability for four years, Riker wants little more than to graduate unnoticed, but one decision to save a life exposes the secret he has worked desperately to protect.

Riker's revelation attracts forces far beyond his small town and raises questions capable of challenging accepted history. His search for answers leads toward Oracle University, an elite institution where gifted students develop their abilities and compete to prove themselves. Before Riker can claim a place there, however, he must survive demanding trials while navigating a system that has no established category for someone like him. Through battles, mysteries, friendships, and an expanding world, *Resonance: Volume One Awakening* places a young man searching for belonging at the center of discoveries that could transform everything humanity believes about its powers.

Clark's path toward creating the series began unexpectedly with a dream inspired after rewatching the television series *Eureka*. The futuristic setting stayed with him and eventually encouraged him to begin writing what became *The Shadow of Ashes*. Creating that story revealed how much he enjoyed developing original worlds, including their technologies, histories, characters, and conflicts. What started as one idea expanded into a larger creative universe and gave Clark the confidence to imagine a different setting for *Resonance: Volume One Awakening*, where extraordinary abilities provide the framework for a deeply personal coming of age journey.

Beneath the elemental powers and escalating danger, Clark places identity, friendship, uncertainty, and personal growth at the story's emotional center. Riker begins by believing that an essential part of himself must remain hidden, only to discover that difference may carry possibilities he never imagined. He does not instantly become fearless or certain of his path. Instead, he struggles, makes mistakes, depends on others, and continues developing. The novel is intended for readers who have questioned where they belong or wondered whether the qualities separating them from others might ultimately become sources of strength.

J. Robert Clark approaches storytelling through a passion for building expansive worlds while keeping recognizable human struggles at their center. His experience creating his earlier fictional universe helped inspire the scope and ambition behind the *Resonance* series, while Riker's development gives its larger mythology a personal foundation. In *Resonance: Volume One Awakening*, Clark invites readers to consider how choices, relationships, abilities, and experiences influence the people they become. At its core, the novel asks what can happen when the very quality that once made someone feel out of place becomes the thing that makes them extraordinary.



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