



### **Jon Steed**

Jon Steed grew up in Amarillo, Texas, and graduated in 2004 from Texas A&M University with a degree in Political Science. Jon is currently a writer for a nonprofit organization and resides in Washington, D.C.

In August of 2007, Jon noticed a minor skin infection and consulted two separate physicians who both misdiagnosed the condition as a benign staph infection, prescribing only mild antibiotics for treatment. As his symptoms intensified and his fever and physical pain became more severe, Jon was admitted to the emergency room at a local hospital where he was diagnosed with a rare strain of MRSA, later determined to be resistant to all of the medications he was previously given.

After three surgical operations, four emergency room visits and consultation with an infectious disease specialist who put Jon on the only medication effective for his particular type of MRSA strain, Jon's infection began to subside. He missed two weeks of work, battled extreme pain, and spent the next several months recovering from the physical challenges that the nearly-lethal MRSA infection left behind.