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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—The tale of Tom Ward from "The Last Apprentice" series (HarperCollins) continues. At 17, Tom is no longer an apprentice, but the Chipenden Spook after the death of his master. As a Spook, Tom's job is to protect his territory from ghosts, ghaunts, boggarts, witches, and any other beasties that threaten the villagers. Reluctantly, he takes on his own apprentice, a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter, named Jenny. Jenny and Tom encounter a formidable new threat, the Kobalos. The Spook calls on his alliance with the witch, Grimalkin. Together, the three travel north to watch the spectacle of Kauspetnd, a deadly Kobalos assassin who has been challenging human champions to a fight to the death and always wins. The trio hopes to find out more about the Kobalos, but little does Tom know that Grimalkin has a much bigger plan. A plethora of action involving ghastly creatures, sword fights, and magic coupled with just enough backstory and description make this novel engaging enough to keep even the most reluctant reader turning pages until the end. Tom's story has a doozy of a cliff-hanger that is sure to bring teens back for more. Delaney fans and new readers are sure to enjoy this first book of a planned trilogy.—Mindy Whipple, West Jordan Library, UT

Review

"Delaney's narrative . . . starts slow, but horrific scenes of grotesque monsters and the threat of danger gradually seep through and heighten the tension all the way up to the cliff-hanger ending. Fans of the Last Apprentice series will be happy to see Tom at work again." (Booklist)

"The first book in a new trilogy featuring a main character from the popular series The Last Apprentice. Fans of the series will enjoy this look at Tom's work as a Spook, but readers fresh to his story will find it equally engaging...Ends on an eerie cliff-hanger" (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

"This first novel of an anticipated trilogy builds from the narrative arc of the extensive Last Apprentice series . . . Terrifying . . . and mesmerizing . . . readers will absolutely be swept quickly into this world." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

From the Back Cover

A bloodcurdling new adventure with Thomas Ward, from the chilling imagination of Joseph Delaney, author of the internationally best-selling series The Last Apprentice

Something is terrorizing the villages of the county. People are dying—covered in blood, their faces frozen in fear—but with not a wound on their bodies. Battling creatures of the dark is the job of the local spook, but seventeen-year-old Thomas Ward never finished his apprenticeship. It will be no easy task to earn the trust of the villagers and to defeat a monster that no one has ever seen before.

Yet Jenny—a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter—knows an awful lot about this new evil. And she's willing to share what she's learned with Tom . . . if he takes her on as his apprentice.

## **Users Review**

**From reader reviews:**

**Manuel Rodriguez:**

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