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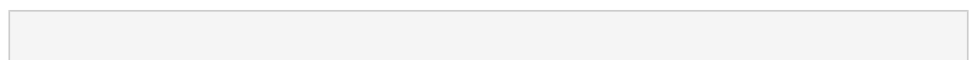
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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Readers unfamiliar with bestseller Dahlquist's 2006 debut, *The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters*, which is set in an alternate world similar to Victorian Europe, may have trouble following this complicated sequel, despite the preparatory word on what has already happened at the start. In *The Glass Books*, West Indies plantation heiress Celeste Temple, naval surgeon Abelard Svenson and criminal Cardinal Chang joined forces to combat an evil cabal that smelted a mineral into a psychotropic blue glass that captures human memory. Temple, who survived the previous book's cinematic climax involving a gunfight in a sinking dirigible, finds herself suspected of a series of mysterious murders, while Svenson and Chang discover new enemies to thwart. Too much going on at the same time, including less than engaging confrontations with various over-the-top villains, undermines a clever concept that may yet be the basis for a solid adventure series. (Mar. 31)

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Dahlquist's sequel to *The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters* (2007) is dark indeed. The daunting "Preparatory Word" details what has gone before: who killed whom and what alchemical experiments have already taken place. If you haven't read the first book, good luck! That said, fans of Tobsha Learner's *Soul* (2008) and Jonathan Barnes' *Somnambulist* (2008) will enjoy this surreal Victorian journey into the nightmarish possibilities of mind swapping. Miss Temple awakens after a dirigible crash with fragmented memories of murder and precious cargo. Separated from her companions, she flees hostile villagers in the company of the not-quite-honest Eloise, launching a seemingly endless series of adventures involving exquisite pain, sexual revelations, and near-death experiences. Meanwhile, a powerful cabal seeking a lost glass book is subverted by its victims, among them a blue-glass whore and a wily contessa. The idea of glass "books," which absorb a person's essence through a nasty "process," is what makes this sometimes bewildering, overpopulated novel fascinating. It's a big-concept story full of potent psychological metaphors, and if those metaphors never quite gel, they still offer readers much to contemplate. --Jen Baker

Review

"The action ricochets ... Dahlquist combines disparate elements of Victorian adventure stories, steampunkish science fiction, murder mystery and even mad-scientist horror." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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