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As the menacing thunder of war drums heralds the arrival of the demons and their brutal minions in Seattle, the young survivors who call themselves the Ghosts are forced to brave the dangerous world of gangs, mutants, and worse to escape the invasion. And Logan Tom must infiltrate a refugee compound to rescue Hawk, the leader of the street urchins, who has yet to learn the truth about who and what he is. Meanwhile, Angel Perez has joined an equally urgent mission: to find the Ellcrys, a fabled talisman crucial to protecting the Elven realm against an influx of unspeakable evil from the dread dimension known as the Forbidding. But Angel and her Elf allies must beware—for a demon spy, with a monstrous creature at its command, walks among them.

As the legions of darkness draw the noose tighter, and the time of confrontation draws near, those chosen to defend the soul of the world must draw their battle lines and prepare to fight with, and for, their lives. If they fail, humanity falls.

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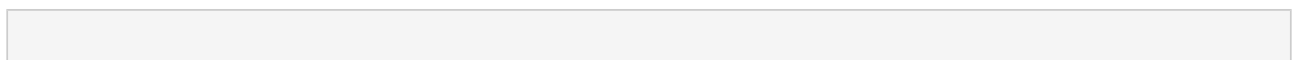
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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Extinction or survival? Brooks keeps readers hanging with the hair-raising second installment (after 2006's *Armageddon's Children*) of a trilogy blending his bestselling Shannara and Void series. A plague-ridden future Earth faces annihilation from Void demons, once-men and other monstrous creatures. What chance do innocent children have? A pretty good chance when Logan Tom and Angel Perez, the last Knights of the Word, have pledged to defend them. Hawk, a child suffused with unpredictable magic, also helps the Seattle street kids called the Ghosts, but when he's whisked away to the magical Gardens of Life to learn of his heroic destiny, the kids come to depend on Logan and Cat, a part-lizard girl. Playing another important role is Kirisin, a Cintra elf hiding in the Oregon woods, who finds the blue Elfstones that can lead him to the powerful, myth-shrouded Loden Stone. Celebrating his 30th year as a professional writer, Brooks provides another fascinating group of characters tackling harrowing and inspiring life and death issues. (Aug.)

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In a sequel as riveting as its postapocalyptic predecessor, Brooks meticulously draws out the threads running through *Armageddon's Children* (2006). Demonkind seems to be winning the war against humans and elves. The principal characters on the side of good are back in action, and when Hawk disappears in a flash of light after being thrown off the wall of one of the compounds, Knight of the Word Logan Tom finds himself caring for the group of street kids that Hawk had led as they fled south from a devastated Seattle.

Unbeknownst to them, Hawk has been rescued by the King of the Silver River, who informs the boy that he is the Gypsy Morph, destined to lead thousands of children to the Promised Land. Meanwhile, stalked by a demon that wants to kill her, Knight of the Word Angel Perez teams with the young elf Kirisin and his warrior sister on a treacherous trek through the wilds in search of the long-lost, almost forgotten blue Elfstones needed for the desperate battle with Demonkind. Each of the youngsters matures and grows in power, making this a coming-of-age story as well as a thrilling adventure. As before, the third-person narrative shifts seamlessly from one group to the other as all make their way to the shores of the Columbia River. Estes, Sally

Review

Praise for Terry Brooks

"A great storyteller, Terry Brooks creates rich epics filled with mystery, magic, and memorable characters. If you haven't read Terry Brooks, you haven't read fantasy."

—Christopher Paolini, author of *Eragon* and *Eldest*

"Terry's place is at the head of the fantasy world."

—Philip Pullman, author of *The Golden Compass*

Armageddon's Children

"In this exciting first of a new fantasy trilogy, bestseller Brooks effortlessly connects the Tolkien-infused magic of his Shannara books with the urban, postapocalyptic world of his Word and the Void series. . . . Longtime Brooks fans and newcomers will be riveted."

—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“Dynamic . . . compelling . . . mesmerizing . . . [with] a cliff-hanger that leaves readers salivating for the sequel.”

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From the Hardcover edition.

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