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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Moers's elegantly written fourth stand-alone comic fantasy set in Zamonia (after 2008's *The City of Dreaming Books*) takes us to the city of Malaisea, where everyone is sick except for two characters: Echo, a Crat (a talking cat, more or less), and Ghoolion, an evil alchemist likely responsible for Malaisea's afflictions. Crat and alchemist cross paths when the starving Echo is offered a month of food, entertainment and alchemical secrets, after which Ghoolion will kill him to boil down his fat. Ghoolion proves a magically masterful chef, and Echo quickly becomes fascinated by Ghoolion's work, particularly the morphic meals that seem to transform Echo into different creatures. Secrets are revealed, old bodies unearthed and strange allies made in this entrancing tale of darkness, determined survival and incredibly luxurious cuisine. (*Sept.*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Praise for Walter Moers

"Incredible level of imagination, stunning artwork, twisted, wild, brutally humorous Moers as a storyteller is a true original, a one-off whose sensibility and talent cannot be duplicated. Absolutely magnificent."

-Jeff VanderMeer for *Omnivoracious*

"Equal parts J.K. Rowling, Douglas Adams, and Shel Silverstein."

-*Washington Post*

"This is a children's book for adults who want to remember the joy of youth, but want more complexity."

-*Philadelphia Weekly*

"Cheerfully insane. Remains lively and inventive right through the final heroic battle between good and evil."

-*The New York Times Book Review*

"Moers's great strength, as evidenced by the multitude of characters he presents, is his creativity. Less a text and more an imagination on paper."

-*Philadelphia Enquirer*

"A yarn of drollery, deeper meaning and sheer lunacy."

-*Rolling Stone*

About the Author

Walter Moers is the author of *The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebear*, *Rumo*, *A Wild Ride Through the Night*, *The City of Dreaming Books*, and *The Alchemaster's Apprentice*, all published by Overlook.

John Brown is the award-winning translator of Walter Moers, Michael Ende, and many other German writers.

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