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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Mara and the Messenger of Fear are back to mete out their particularly brutal brand of justice to those who have caused harm to themselves as well as to others. In this outing, they track two cases, one involving two teenage boys who have committed heinous hate crimes as well as those who have caused a young teenage runaway to overdose on illegal drugs. As in *Messenger of Fear* (HarperCollins, 2014), the punishments dispensed by the Messenger and his apprentice are graphic and will cause some readers to wince, though those who like their stories on the gory side will enjoy this work tremendously. Grant adequately expands the series' universe, gives readers more of the Messenger's backstory, and explains why he does what he does. There is sufficient summary at the start of this volume for those who have not read the previous title, but readers' experience will be greatly enhanced if they have. The ending is a bit rushed, yet teens will be satisfied with a few loose ends. **VERDICT** This will appeal to fans of the first installment as well as those who enjoy gory reads.—Christopher Lassen, Brooklyn Public Library

Review

Praise for *THE TATTOOED HEART*: “An absorbing morality tale of guilt and redemption.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“This will appeal to fans of the first installment as well as those who enjoy gory reads.” (School Library Journal)

“Readers will still be satisfied with Mara’s growing maturity and acceptance of her own fate.” (Booklist)

Praise for *MESSENGER OF FEAR*: “The Messenger of Fear has a two-word message for readers: BE AFRAID. The nightmares start in chapter one and don’t let up. Seriously, this book gave me chill after chill. My message to you: Read it in a safe, well-lighted place. It’s fright fiction at its best!” (R. L. Stine, author of the bestselling *Goosebumps* series)

“The enviably cunning and ever versatile Michael Grant explodes on the scene with *Messenger of Fear*, a palpitating horror fantasy mash-up with a genius twist that blew my mind. I walked through O’hare with this book in my face—I couldn’t stop reading!” (Lisa McMann, New York Times Bestselling Author of the *Wake* trilogy and *The Unwanteds* series)

“Mesmerizing, horrifying, and deeply thought-provoking.” (Carrie Ryan, New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*)

“Grant only slowly unveils the reason Mara is with the Messenger, building tension and atmosphere expertly for maximum impact. Readers will find that in the end, it all comes together extremely well. An unusual and intriguing puzzle of a book.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Grant explores bullying, family problems, suicide, and more, and several painful passages will have readers cringing, even as they make them think about what they would do in the same situation....a solid beginning to a series that is likely to be quite popular with horror and paranormal fans.” (Booklist)

From the Back Cover

Mara has already witnessed more evil as the Messenger's apprentice than most people do in their lifetime, but the games continue.

The Messenger leads Mara to the funeral of a Muslim boy named Aimal, who died standing up for his people, and then to an abandoned store, where they discover Graciella, a girl battling addiction. The all-knowing Messenger recognizes that they are victims of heinous crimes. Mara and Messenger will find the wicked—those who act out of selfishness and greed, and others who become violent because of prejudice and hate.

But Mara and Messenger pay a price too. For every person who is offered justice, they will wear a tattoo that symbolizes the heart of the crime. And as Mara delves deeper into her harsh reality, she is surprised to realize that part of her is drawn to the sometimes compassionate Messenger. In spite of all the terror she and Messenger inflict, Mara will discover that caring in this world is the hardest part of all.

The second book in *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Grant's Messenger of Fear series, *The Tattooed Heart* combines fantasy with real-world horror stories to create a satisfying conclusion.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

James Chavez:

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