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Editorial Review

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In this sequel to *Dreamer's Pool* (Roc, 2014), the healer Blackthorn and her faithful companion Grim are trying to recover from the adventures in their first novel. Blackthorn is completing a sentence for the fey-she has to do what she is ordered and live in the area for seven years, serving the people as a healer. She's always a tad grumpy, but she enjoys the work and even tends to the expecting royal couple. At court, a visiting lady asks for help—a wailing monster is being held captive in a tower on her lands, and the curse is hurting her holdings and her people. Blackthorn agrees to help and uses her connections with Druid lore, healing herbs, magic, and common sense to save the day. Marillier is known for her fantastic fairy tale epics, and this novel is no different—the Celtic myths and fey are interspersed throughout. But the real gem is the friendship between Blackthorn and Grim—they aren't lovers, but their love bonds them together as they deal with post-traumatic stress disorder in their own ways. Their stories are what will make this series a hit with fantasy readers. Marillier's adult novel *Daughter of the Forest* (Tor, 2000) won the Alex Award in 2001, and her young adult novels *Shadowfell* (2012) and *Wildwood Dancing* (2007, both Knopf) are popular with teens. VERDICT Give this novel to young adults who love fairy tales and female heroes.—Sarah Hill, Lake Land College, Mattoon, IL(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Praise for Juliet Marillier and her novels:

“Juliet Marillier is a fine fantasy writer.”—Anne McCaffrey

“An enchanting tale grounded by [Marillier's] compelling protagonists.”—Jacqueline Carey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Poison Fruit*

“A fabulous read, a rich tale that resonates of deepest myth peopled by well-drawn characters who must sort out their personal demons, while unraveling mysteries both brutally human and magical.”—Kristen Britain, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Green Rider series

“A simply gorgeous story...a tale that will tug at your heart and, like the fable that it draws upon, linger in your head and soul for days afterwards.”—Karen Brooks

“Filled...with beauty, wisdom and wonder—she's one of my all-time favorite authors and I only wish that she would write faster. A new book by Juliet Marillier is always a cause for celebration.”—Kate Forsyth

About the Author

Juliet Marillier is the author of the Sevenwaters series and *Dreamer's Pool*. She was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, a town with strong Scottish roots. She graduated from the University of Otago with degrees in languages and music, and has had a varied career that includes teaching and performing music as well as working in government agencies. Juliet now lives in a hundred-year-old cottage near the river in Perth, Western Australia, where she writes full-time. She is a member of the druid order OBOD. Juliet shares her home with a small pack of waifs and strays. Her historical fantasy novels and short stories are published internationally and have won a number of awards.

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