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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Griep dives into the dystopian genre in this outstanding novel, which challenges preconceptions of the genre. After a plague ravages a once-thriving world, a harsh rivalry emerges between two immune communities: the decaying City, and the idyllic New Charity. Cressyda, a New Charitan fleeing her former life, is caught up in a political struggle when she returns to New Charity in the wake of her father's mysterious death. Cressyda clashes with her childhood friends, Len and Cas Willis, as she tries to understand the dangerous thrall New Charity is under. Griep's writing is fresh and intense, imbued with suspense. She excels at the rich imagining of a world where magic, science, and politics intertwine. The spunky heroine is doubtful and questioning, and those who are vital to the oligarchical power structure might also topple it. Most vividly, Griep plumbs questions of what home means, and what it means to have a safe place in the midst of chaos. (Apr.)

From Library Journal

A plague has decimated the planet's population. Former ballerina Cressyda resides in the City, a community of survivors that remains a collapsed ruin compared to New Charity. This society stands strong behind its wall, with a hydroelectric dam that ensures no one from the City can access that water. When Syd learns she has inherited her father's New Charity ranch, she returns both to the family she left behind years ago and to her then best friend, Casandra. Cas, a seer and acolyte to the Spirit, knows that Syd wants to open the dam for everyone, whatever the cost to New Charity. The two women realize that the dam draws on strange magic that, if tampered with, could be dangerous. Syd must find a way that allows both settlements to survive, despite her unearthing of the depth of New Charity's corruption—and the facts of her own father's murder. **VERDICT** In a story of family and betrayal, community and survival, Griep (*Letters to Zell*) reimagines a post-apocalyptic Trojan War that brings new life to a classic epic. (Starred Review)

About the Author

Author Camille Griep's writing career has involved industries such as real estate, corporate marketing, financial analysis, and more. Now, dedicated more fully to her craft, she continues to be published in dozens of fiction and nonfiction magazines, in addition to serving as editor of *Easy Street* and senior editor at the *Lascaux Review*. She has also written an epistolary fairy-tale novel, *Letters to Zell*. She lives just north of Seattle with her partner, Adam, and their bulldog, Dutch. She enjoys thunderstorms, chrysanthemums, gin, bad television, and bears. Discover more at www.camillegriep.com.

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