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Editorial Review

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The Blackgod brings the tale begun in *The Waterborn* to a satisfying conclusion. J. Gregory Keyes continues the adventures of Princess Hezhi of Nhol and her unwilling champion, Perkar of the Cattle People, as they struggle to survive the machinations of both the insatiable River God and his brother, the trickster Blackgod, Karak. This is epic fantasy at its best--original, richly textured, and filled with compelling characters.

Hezhi and Perkar are with the Mang, nomadic, horse-worshiping people. Under the protection and guidance of a shaman, Brother Horse, Hezhi learns to control and use her ability to manipulate the spirit world. But Ghe, the priestly assassin Perkar beheaded in *The Waterborn*, has been restored by the River and sent after Hezhi, and another clan of the Mang has declared war on Perkar's people. Their shaman has had a vision that demands Perkar's death. And the Blackgod wants them to journey to the River's source and slay him. People who don't read epic fantasy can enjoy this high adventure. Fans of the genre may be reminded of Kate Elliott's Jaran series and Philip José Farmer's Riverworld saga. Don't be put off by the size of these books; Keyes has the storytelling power to carry you swiftly through them. --*Nona Vero*

From Library Journal

In this sequel to *The Waterborn* (LJ 6/15/96) Hezhi, the daughter of the powerful River that flows throughout the land, escapes from the imperial palace in Nhol and her destiny to join with the River. Hiding among the Mang horsemen with her bodyguard, Hezhi must learn to wield her waterborn power. Blackgod, the Raven, reveals how she can defeat the River with the help of Perkar, a cattleman, by traveling to the headwaters in the mountains. Enriched by spiritualism, mystery, and cultural detail, this fantasy belongs in most collections.

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In the sequel to *The Waterborn*, the awakened River God searches for Hezhi, daughter of the emperor and, hence, daughter of the god. Hezhi has vanished from the River's lands to a distant waste, where, with Perkar and her devoted half-giant bodyguard, she takes refuge with the barbarian Mangs. The River God creates a ghoul out of an assassin killed by Perkar as he and Hezhi fled the great city, and he charges the creature to capture and return Hezhi. The continued growth of Hezhi's power threatens to drive her mad, unless she submits to the training, which she fears, that will make her a shaman. According to the Blackgod, only Hezhi has the means to defeat the River, but can the Blackgod be trusted? Even more complex in plot and characterization than its predecessor, this novel sees Hezhi not only struggling to control her magic powers but also, when she attempts to work a cure for a mortally injured Perkar, entering the otherworld, where the gods reside. On a broad canvas, peopled with humans, half-humans, a Machiavellian priesthood, intertribal war, gods, demons, and more, including the ghoul, whose tiny spark of past humanness plays a great role, an epic battle rages and makes this a richly developed page-turner for the fantasy cognoscenti. *Sally Estes*

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