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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In the third volume of Rhodes's voodoo-inspired series (after 2009's *Moon*), an environmental disaster brews in New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina threatens. Dr. Marie Laveau, a descendant (and perhaps reincarnation) of the legendary voodoo queen, awakens from a nightmare, goes for a drive to clear her head, and finds a crime scene: John and Mimi L'Overture and their baby have been shot and killed in the village of DeLaire. She reports the murder to brothers Deet and Aaron Malveaux, respectively deputy and sheriff of DeLaire, and meets their ailing Nana, a voodooienne who's foreseen Marie's arrival. When Marie returns to work, a bullet meant for her kills one of her colleagues, so Marie returns to DeLaire to catch the killer and explore the next stage of her spellbinding destiny. (Apr.)

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From [Booklist](#)

Rhodes told the potent story of Marie Laveau, the nineteenth-century voodoo queen of New Orleans, in a historical novel, *Voodoo Dreams* (1993). She then switched to crime fiction (*Voodoo Season*, 2005; *Yellow Moon*, 2008) to portray Laveau's descendent and namesake, a "voodooienne" and tough New Orleans ER doctor. In the third installment, a nightmarish vision impels Marie to head to bayou country, where she discovers a triple murder, a dying voodoo healer, and a creepy enclave of the walking ill. An intrepid "detective of two worlds—one tangible, the other intangible," Marie has coalesced into the sort of smart, tough, and cranky sleuth to whom mystery readers become devoted. As Marie tangles with adversaries both human and spiritual, Rhodes unspools a hair-raising tale that entwines medicine, shamanism, corporate crime, family ties, and our troubled relationship with nature. With a gripping and provocative plot about the dark side of healing and the environmental devastation of Louisiana's essential delta wetlands, Rhodes has fashioned a mystery with great reach and impact. One unanswered question remains: Will we see more of Dr. Marie Laveau? --Donna Seaman

Review

"Rhodes and her feisty heroine pull out all the stops." – Kirkus Review

"[Marie Laveau] turns men's heads, talks to the dead and wanders into her most dangerous misadventure yet in the third novel in a trilogy by Rhodes . . . But like any good last act, Rhodes and her feisty heroine pull out all the stops." – Kirkus Review

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