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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—Paranormal detective duo Abigail Rook and R.F. Jackaby are back again, this time with a more serious focus—to unearth the killer of their ghostly landlord, Jenny, and find out what actually became of her missing fiancé, Howard. As the unlikely pair begin to uncover more evidence about the murder, they realize that the circumstances around Jenny's death 10 years ago are still very much relevant to the present.

Implicating the mayor and other well-known scientists, Rook and Jackaby's discoveries show that Jenny's death is a small cog in the wheel of a nefarious plan, one involving the Dire Council, which is intent on harnessing magical powers. Decidedly more serious than the previous installment, *Beastly Bones*, this novel features a fairly somber Jackaby and increasingly mature Rook. Many questions are still unanswered at the end (Is Jackaby still up for this line of work? Will he and Rook stop the malevolent Dire Council before its evil plan comes to fruition?), thus opening up the possibility of another book in the series. **VERDICT**

Recommended for fans of Jonathan Stroud's *The Screaming Staircase* and Jonathan Auxier's *The Night Gardener*.—Amanda C. Buschmann, Atascocita Middle School, Humble, TX

Review

“Ritter’s latest glorious fusion of detective novel, ghost story, and fantasy. And, refreshingly, Ritter opts to pair magic and science here, rather than making them oppositional. But what may captivate readers most are the intriguing revelations about Jackaby’s personal history—and Abigail’s star turn at the novel’s helm...”

—*The Horn Book Magazine*

“Energetic and entertainingly offbeat.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“This story has everything covered in its mashup of romance, mystery, adventure, horror creatures, fantasy lore, and gothic atmosphere....All readers will not be able to put it down.” —*VOYA*

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From the Back Cover

*Possession. Jenny wanted to attempt possession, and in my foolish eagerness I agreed. The office faded into a blinding haze of whiteness, and together Jenny and I tumbled into a world of mist and cold and pain . . .*

*. . . and out the other side.*

PRAISE FOR THE JACKABY SERIES:

“Fast-paced and full of intrigue.” —**EW.com**

“The murderous plot beautifully melds modern storytelling and classic fables . . . We honestly couldn’t put it down.” —**Nerdist.com**

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