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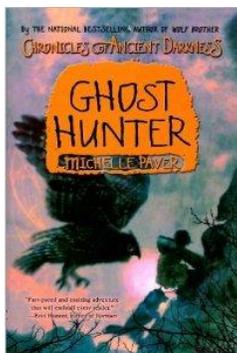
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Paver, Michelle. *Ghost Hunter*. Illustrated by Geoff Taylor. HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN 9780060728403. \$16.99. 285 p.

Reviewer: Meriam Bates

Reading Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fantasy fiction; Occult fiction;

Subject: Prehistoric peoples--Juvenile fiction; Demonic possession--Juvenile fiction; Human-animal communication--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

In *Ghost Hunter*, Torak, Renn, and Wolf find themselves battling against the powers of Eostra, the final Soul-Eater; trying to stay together; and keeping alive. Prophecies say that Torak must find Eostra but die trying to defeat her. Meanwhile, Eostra waits in the Mountain of Ghosts lures Torak to her, desiring to use his gift of Spirit Walking to achieve her rise to power.

The prophecies come true as Torak's friends help destroy Eostra. Wolf is able to bring Torak back to life. Though Torak is revered and legendary among the tribes as a result, none want to live with him. Torak and Renn decide to remain wanderers in Wolf's pack.

In this fast paced climax, Paver continues her beautifully descriptive and eerie narration as she tells of a world before our own. Idealistic readers will be satisfied with the series ending, but to others it may seem a little rose-tinted. Deviating from previous practice, only minor characters die in this book. While Paver leaves the reader in suspense until almost the last page, the outcome is predictable. There are too many smooth edges for this to be completely satisfying, but readers of the series will enjoy this concluding novel.

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