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Editorial Review

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The post-oil America Kunstler envisioned in *A World Made by Hand* (2008) proved intriguing enough to inspire a sequel, which, in turn, portends a longer series. Having established the parameters of a society bereft of government services, automobiles, public utilities, consumer goods, and computers, Kunstler writes with more finesse in this portrayal of a community of survivors in Upstate New York, an old-fashioned yarn of character-building confrontations between humans and the wild, outlaws and decent folks. Kunstler decries our refusal to face facts about our oil habit, dramatizes how quickly “the great thrumming engine of modernity” can be halted, and celebrates the benefits of living intimately with nature. But his social concerns never overburden the suspenseful, darkly amusing story, with its touches of the fantastic in the mode of Washington Irving, or undermine his seductive characters: plucky young Jasper, the doctor’s son; ludicrous bandit and psychopath Billy Bones; a sexy and accomplished witch; and the gruff leader of the bizarre and prosperous New Faith commune who possesses his own supernatural powers. Future installments will be eagerly anticipated. --Donna Seaman

Review

“Richly imagined . . . [*The Witch of Hebron*] reminded me of Larry McMurty’s *Lonesome Dove*, set in the dystopian world of *The Road*.”—*New York Journal of Books*

"[A] suspenseful, darkly amusing story with touches of the fantastic in the mode of Washington Irving."—*Booklist*

"Kunstler's post-apocalyptic world is neither a merciless nightmare nor a starry-eyed return to some pastoral faux utopia; it's a hard existence dotted with adventure, revenge, mysticism, and those same human emotions that existed before the power went out."—*Publishers Weekly*

“Vividly drawn . . . [*The Witch of Hebron*] plays to Kunstler’s strength, which is his understanding of municipal infrastructure, so he can analyze the importance of what has been taken from people, how they cope, and just what is necessary for them to survive.”—Steve Goddard’s *History Wire* (online)

About the Author

James Howard Kunstler was born in New York City in 1948. He is the author of eleven novels and three nonfiction books, *The Geography of Nowhere*, *Home From Nowhere*, and *The Long Emergency*. He lives in upstate New York.

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