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## **Editorial Review**

### **From Publishers Weekly**

The long-awaited 10th and concluding episode in Donaldson's sprawling epic of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever (after *Against All Things Ending*) opens with Thomas gravely injured but cured of the malady of mind that had impeded his ability to save the Land. In the meantime, the Worm of the World's End and She Who Must Not Be Named have both been roused, and the last crisis of Earth is at hand. By the novel's end, Thomas, his wife, and her son will all have made extraordinary sacrifices to rebuild and redeem the Earth, following the collapse of the Arch of Time and the liberation of Lord Foul the Despiser. Although richly allegorical, the novel's great strength is the warm humanity of its characters, who distinguish themselves by repeatedly confronting and overcoming their personal frailties. Donaldson's fans will find this a fitting finale 36 years in the making. Agent: Howard Morhaim, Howard Morhaim Literary Agency. (Oct.)

### **From Booklist**

After 35 years and nine previous installments, Donaldson wraps up the *Chronicles of Thomas Covenant*. Epic in scope, this fantasy series ends with an electrifying bang as sometime partners Thomas Covenant and Linden Avery, two tortured souls on a desperate mission to save the alternate world known as the Land, are reunited. Discovering that the power they wield together may be strong enough to defeat the Worm of the World's End, they continue on their quest as the action ratchets up to an appropriately explosive climax. Readers who have faithfully followed the exploits of Covenant and company may be sad, but they will not be disappointed as this masterful, mystical fantasy series concludes. --Margaret Flanagan

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### **Praise for FATAL REVENANT:**

"Difficult but worthwhile, this complicated and emotional continuation of the Thomas Covenant saga is exactly what Donaldson's fans have been hoping for." --Publishers Weekly

### **Praise for THE RUNES OF THE EARTH:**

"[A] landmark fantasy saga." --Entertainment Weekly

"A reawakening of a classic fantasy saga." --Library Journal

"A trilogy of remarkable scope and sophistication." --Los Angeles Times

"Startlingly original antiheroic fantasy resonating with echoes of both Tolkien and Philip K. Dick." --Publishers Weekly

"An epic with page-turning intrigue." --Detroit Free Press

"Impressive...filled with splendid inventions." --Booklist

"The most important and original work of epic fantasy after Tolkien...Rich in paradox, metaphor and symbolism...Donaldson's writing remains one of the most original and intellectually challenging works to

have graced contemporary epic fantasy." --SF Site

"Donaldson has met [readers'] high expectations...you might utter at the book's end: 'I want the next book right now.'" --Detroit Free Press

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