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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Every good epic not only deserves but *needs* a prequel. So Jeff Smith's *Bone*, one of the great graphic novel epics, gets a teasing look at what happened in that magic realm before the series started in earnest. Opening with a Nordic saga-like origin myth about how the dragon queen Mim was driven mad by the lord of the Locusts and buried in stone to protect the world, *Rose* shifts into a traditional fantasy melodrama about two princesses. Rose is the more beloved, headstrong and inattentive to her lessons about how to control her powerful ability to magically dream. Her sister, Briar, is a darker soul, ambitious and resentful of the attention directed at Rose. When the two are called to their final tests in the danger-fogged mountains of the Northern Valley, they are soon launched into a fiery cauldron of betrayal and battles—all of it witnessed by the dolorous, mournful eyes of the Great Red Dragon. Vess's dramatic, detailed illustrations remain powerful, but feel cramped by the small trim size. Smith's tart writing easily weaves humor and tension into a tale packed with lessons on politics and morality. (Aug.)

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From School Library Journal

Grade 4-8—A prequel to the Bone saga (Scholastic), *Rose* takes place in the Valley years before the Bones arrived, when Gran'ma Ben was the spirited, beautiful Princess Rose. She and her cold, bitter sister, Briar, are called to defend the Valley from a vicious dragon that is possessed by the Lord of the Locusts. Rose is up to the task, but can Briar be trusted? Vess's Art Nouveau-style illustrations, as well as an elegant, ornate font, give the story the look of an antique fairy tale. The vivid but soft colors, in subtle shades of red, yellow, green, and blue, are stunning. A strong introduction for readers new to the series, and a satisfying addition for fans hungry for more.—*Lisa Goldstein, Brooklyn Public Library, NY* END

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Praise for the Bone series

Named one of the top ten graphic novels of all time by *Time*

"Spectacular." -*Spin* magazine

"One of the best kids' comics ever." -*VIBE* magazine

"Jeff Smith's Bone series . . . is a true accomplishment. Not only is it a terrific graphic-novel series, but it's a superb example of storytelling." -*School Library Journal*

"Bone is storytelling at its best, full of endearing, flawed characters whose adventures run the gamut from hilarious whimsy to thrilling drama." -*Entertainment Weekly*

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