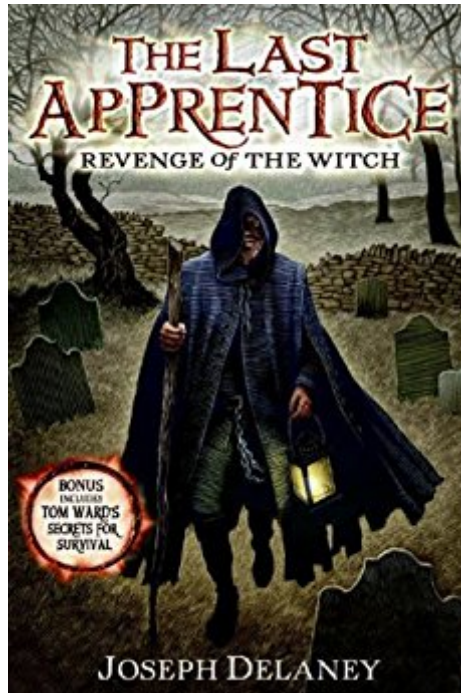




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Capturing witches Binding boggarts Driving away ghosts For years, Old Gregory has been the Spook for the county, ridding the local villages of evil. Now his time is coming to an end. But who will take over for him? Twenty-nine apprentices have tried—some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive. Only Thomas Ward is left. He's the last hope; the last apprentice. Can Thomas succeed? Will he learn the difference between a benign witch and a malevolent one? Does the Spook's warning against girls with pointy shoes include Alice? And what will happen if Thomas accidentally frees Mother Malkin, the most evil witch in the county ... ?

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this story about the seventh son of a seventh son leaving his family at age 13 to apprentice to the county "Spook" or the man that takes care of the ghosts, goblins, and witches that plague the earth. The characters are really well written. You can feel the fear Tom experiences as he faces his adversaries. And the author has done an exceptional job of showing the change in the attitude of Tom's family to his new job. The action

is believable and keeps you wanting to see what happens next. I would recommend this story to anyone that enjoys fantasy.

13 year old Tom Ward is the 7th son of a 7th son. When he is taken on as an apprentice to the county "Spook"-- a man who's job it is to fight all manner of ghosts and "boggarts" and witches-- his simple life as a farm boy turns into a heroic and terrifying adventure. I had an awesome time with this. Written for Young Adults, but highly entertaining for adults too.

I am pleasantly surprised. Most of my reading taste is syfi. I took a chance on this book, which is written in 1st person. The writing is stellar, great use of metaphor to establish mood and settings. Fun but a somewhat predictable hero's journey. I am looking forward to reading the next in the series.

I really enjoyed this book. The 7th son of a 7th son. He had special abilities and his intuition helped him Working for the spook as an apprentice. The apprentice made mistakes and learned from them and tried to remember what the spook taught him. He had to learn how to deal with the paranormal and his family drama. His mother was there for him as well. I plan on reading some more in the series

I thought this was a very suspenseful tale and I enjoyed reading this YA story even though I am well into my 50's. PG-13 certainly, as some characters do die, and the witches and such are written as being bad, very bad. I certainly plan to read the next several books in this series. I enjoyed this YA book as much as did the first couple of Ranger's Apprentice books such as *The Ruins of Gorlan: Book One (Ranger's Apprentice)*. Written to the level of most TV shows (not on cable), young boys and girls should have no problems reading these stories. Characters are well detailed and I got caught up in the story. I think I will alternate between the two series and read my way up. I need to catch up on the Last Apprentice series, as I have read the first 3 Ranger's Apprentice books.

This book is like a primer for fighting the things that go bump in the night. I really enjoyed it. I would recommend it to anyone who likes fantasy and fairy tales

To a new series that takes us on a journey filled with adventure, many twists and a few chills. I knew

from the second I pre-ordered this book that it was 1 book in a collection of I believe it was 14 total books; so I didn't expect the entire tale to be finished and wrapped up in red ribbons at the end of book #1. I expected the usual cliffhanger ending leading to books 2, 3, 4 etc. What I got was a book that while yes it left ample room for more down the road, it was in and of itself a satisfying complete tale that could easily be read as a stand alone; although I'm looking forward to more adventures. I see some have had a problem with the depiction of women being dark and evil in this series. I myself do not. I was raised at a time when witches were dark and evil and yes most of them portrayed in books, movies, television shows etc were women. I think it balances a bit in that while it was never stated, I got the impression that boggarts are male and they have their own mischief, malice and darkness associated with them. I would recommend this book to both YA audiences and to those who just like a good tale they may hear in the dark of night, seated around a campfire when any and everything is possible...

Fantasy that draws you in. It was fun to read. I liked the way the boggarts were portrayed. I thought it was incongruous when the Spook said he didn't use magic and then his chain moved by itself... but that was a minor flaw. Overall, the the plot flowed well and the narration was excellent. Usually, what Tom thought he saw was explained as a mistaken impression, and the reader is made to understand completely how he got that impression. I felt that the story was very good, though sometimes slow moving. OK for young readers if they don't mind blood and murder. I even enjoyed the illustrations.

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