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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Erasing age and genre barriers, prize-winning, bestselling YA author Hinton turns out a dark, funny, scary, suspenseful tale that will entertain mainstream and adventure/horror readers alike. Jamie Sommers is orphaned at the age of eight in 1950 and sent to live with some nasty nuns until graduating as a troubled young man to a life at sea. After surviving a number of life-threatening adventures in exotic ports, he ends up in the small town of Hawkes Harbor on the Delaware coast, where he stumbles into a situation so dire his entire life is changed in a manner of minutes. His new employer, the mysterious Grenville Hawke, lord of Hawkes Hall, known to Jamie as It, the Thing and the Vampire, almost kills Jamie, then goes on to enslave him for years to come. Moving back and forth through time, Hinton twists and shapes her bleak material until the story and the reader's expectations have been turned upside down. This is an adult novel, meaning that Hinton gets to write sex scenes and use the word *fuck* when she wants to, but the basic elements that made her 30-year-old book *The Outsiders* a long-time bestseller are present in this rousing read. This is a contemporary *Treasure Island* with a genre-bending twist.

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Remember what made *The Outsiders*, *Tex*, and *Rumble Fish* classics? Hinton's first adult novel (appropriate for teens, too) contains some of those same elements, but critics aren't quite sure what to make of it. Hinton knows how to tell a story, and this one's entertaining, ghoulish, and full of fantastical adventures. But the non-chronological time frame and confusing narration left some reviewers bewildered. A few unexplained elements, from Jamie's fading voice and changes in Hawkes's personality, also left them hanging. But, if you're curious to know what Hinton's been up to the past 25 years and don't expect a classic, *Hawkes Harbor* is worth a go.

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In a self-reinvention comparable to Madonna's foray into picture books, the doyenne of gritty teen realism has written her first novel for grown-ups after a 20-year publishing hiatus. This one roves far from the street toughs, bikers, and cowboys of *The Outsiders* (1967) and *Tex* (1979). Mental patient Jamie Sommers is a former gem smuggler who goes catatonic when an escapade brings him face-to-face--or, more precisely, face-to-neck--with a vampire. Sprung from his locked coffin by the hapless Jamie, Granville Hawkes first snacks on his liberator's blood, then binds him into lifelong servitude. The story line veers from gothic melodrama to *Munsters*-ish family comedy when the cursed bloodsucker regains his mortality and settles into a perversely fatherly relationship with the now-addled Jamie. As startling as this story line may sound, Hinton manages to work in quite a few clichés (stakes through the heart, keening virgins, etc.), and sentimentality frequently wells up alongside the elements of parody. This is as peculiar as it is unsuccessful--but it will nonetheless attract a considerable readership, owing as much to Tor's promotion of it as "the publishing event of the year" as to its appeal to vampire-lit groupies and curiosity seekers alike. *Jennifer Mattson*

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