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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

From the award-winning *Ender's Game* on, each of Card's last three novels has featured a secular saint, less a character than a catalyst to galvanize those around him into reexamining the thorny moral tangles in which they live. This first volume of the *Tales of Alvin Maker* introduces young Alvin Miller Jr., the seventh son of a seventh son, who lives on the frontier of an alternate early 19th century America, where folk magic such as faith healing and second sight really works. While Alvin embarks on his mythic struggle against the Unmaker of all things, he is watched over by a flesh and blood guardian angel; he is pursued by the rigid, zealous Reverend Thrower; and he is guided by the wandering Taleswapper, William Blake. This beguiling book recalls Robert Penn Warren in its robust but reflective blend of folktale, history, parable and personal testimony, pioneer narrative. The series promises to be (in Warren's phrase) a "story of deep delight." Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From School Library Journal

YA Set in the Northwest Territory in the late 18th Century, this is an American fantasy in the tradition of T. H. White's *Sword in the Stone* (Putnam, 1939). Mixing fantasy with philosophy and historical figures with imaginary ones, this first book in the "Tales of Alvin Maker" series succeeds on several levels. Alvin Miller, seventh son of a seventh son, is heir to great powers that he must learn to use and control. A rich cast of characters try either to help or destroy Alvin in his childhood. It is apparent that Alvin is the focus of gathering forces of good and evil preparing for battle. Readers will be left at the end of the book wondering what will happen to young Alvin in his coming apprenticeship. The sequel will be eagerly awaited. Mary Williams, Harris County Public Library Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Review

"Truly marvelous and beautiful." —*KLIATT*

"An American fantasy in the tradition of T. H. White's *Sword in the Stone*." —*School Library Journal*

"A consistently gripping tale featuring solid historical research and a keen understanding of religious experience. Another major effort by a world class talent. Highly recommended." —*Booklist*

"Captures the essence of a world where folk magic abounds. A tribute to the art of storytelling, this is highly recommended." —*Library Journal*

"This beguiling book recalls Robert Penn Warren in its robust blend of folktale, history, parable, personal testimony, and pioneer narrative." —*Publishers Weekly*

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