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### Editorial Review

#### From Library Journal

Renowned Jungian psychologist and poet Estes (Women Who Run with the Wolves, Ballantine, 1992; The Gift of Story, Ballantine, 1994) writes a beautiful allegory in her latest volume. Growing up in a refugee family, Estes learns the art of storytelling in the ancient tradition. In graceful prose, she relates the story of her Hungarian Uncle Zovar, a concentration camp survivor, in his struggle to release himself from the horrors of camp life. A "story within a story" is illustrated through the uncle's narration of the burning death and rebirth of his forest during World War II. Estes includes her own rendition of the Christmas tree story: the tree in the forest cut down, adorned at the house, then burned as firewood in the end. She relates the story of her own urban forest started in her back yard, inspired by her uncle's thoughts on nature. Estes's style is charming, spellbinding, and lyrical. Followers will clamor for more. Highly recommended. —Lisa Wise, EBSCO, Springfield, Va.

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#### From Booklist

Since the megaselling *Women Who Run with the Wolves* (1992), Estes has squeezed out two diminutive volumes, of which this is the second. It is a story within a story within a story within a story within a story. First up: the biblical Creation story inflected so that God makes everything because of a loneliness best answered by the stories people live. That master story leads into the story of Estes' Hungarian immigrant uncle; that into the uncle's story about "This Man" (a farmer displaced by war, as he was); and that into a story about a fir tree that becomes a Christmas tree, then firewood, then fertilizer for new trees. That last story is the one, promised by the book's subtitle, about "That Which Can Never Die," which, one gathers, is the life force itself. Sentimental as bronzed baby shoes and written in a diction that seems a parody of Anthony Quinn as Zorba, may it please, or at least entice, Estes' band of lopers with the lupines. —Ray Olson

#### From the Back Cover

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