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Description:

From School Library Journal Grade 4-7—Lonely Josephine Russing, 12, is ignored by her father and is an outcast at school. One day she follows a strange mute boy into her toolshed and falls through a vortex into an orphan asylum near the medieval-like town of Gulm, where the boy, Fargus, and his brash friend Ida will soon be sacrificed to a boy-tyrant named the Master, who has ruled for decades with two minion beasts, the Brothers, who feed by siphoning energy from children. The plucky threesome escape, evade the Brothers, and are betrayed by a couple who send Ida and Fargus to the Master. Josephine is rescued by the son of a dimensional/time travel scholar, and they must rescue Ida and Fargus and get Josephine and the children of Gulm home. This ambitious fairy-

tale adventure takes on time travel, immortality, the importance of family, and, ultimately, the power of love, with many funny foibles, tragic histories, twists, and family secrets revealed. Josephine and Ida are spunky, realistic heroines, but the pacing is slowed by frequent detours into backstory and too many secondary characters. The plot doesn't always hang together, and the fractured narrative sometimes requires a push to get through. The ending, including revelations about Josephine's father, doesn't add up. This is a possibility for nondiscriminating fantasy readers, but it isn't likely to be wholly satisfying.—*Riva Pollard, Prospect Sierra Middle School, El Cerrito, CA*Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the edition.

From Twelve-year-old Josephine, ignored by her father and scorned by classmates, is lonely until she meets Fargus, who appears (and disappears) from her garden shed. Josephine follows, and is magically transported to the Higgins Institute where Fargus and Ida are orphans. Threatened by beasts (the Brothers) who are controlled by a villain (the Master), the trio escapes, setting in motion a far-flung adventure. Cohagan's first novel is a time-slip fantasy set in a world in which childhood is threatened yet infinitely prolonged in order to satisfy the Brothers' hunger and the Master's desire for total domination. The main characters are well developed, particularly the spunky and plain-spoken Ida, the laconic but loyal Fargus, and Josephine, whose journey uncovers hidden strengths and helps her to understand her enigmatic father. Although the story is wrapped up a little too neatly, Fargus' secret will especially intrigue. Share with fans of Mary Downing Hahn's Time for Andrew (1994) for another look at solving family problems through time travel. Grades 4-6. --Kay Weisman --This text refers to the edition.

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