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Editorial Review

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Maguire, author of the popular *Wicked* series of novels, which gives imaginative backstory to the events taking place in *The Wizard of Oz*, brings his creative storytelling from the realm of fantasy to the world of reality—but just barely. Quickly but delightfully read, Maguire’s new novel has as its canvas the entire little town of Thebes in Upstate New York. His natural compassion for people’s quirks gives his razor-sharp satire on small-town life a comfortable bed on which to rest. Maguire looks backward in time, to the advent of the new millennium in 2000. His theme is that, at this significant historical moment, town characters, including the church-lady Leontina Scale and her profanity-spewing daughter and the gay choir director, now face having their personal choices being called into question but eventually seeing the disparate pieces of their lives reconciled. Amusing entertainment but with a serious side as well. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Once word is out that the *Wicked* author has a new book, whether it is part of that series or not, requests will begin flowing into the public library --Brad Hooper

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“Comes alive in many dimensions, many of them funny and slightly bonkers.” (Los Angeles Times)

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From the Back Cover

With the new millennium approaching, the eccentric town of Thebes grows even stranger. Mrs. Leontina Scales begins speaking in tongues after being clocked by a Catholic statuette. Her daughter, Tabitha, and her sons scheme to save their mother or surrender her to Jesus—whatever comes first. Meanwhile, choir director Jeremy Carr, caught between lust and ambition, fumbles his way toward Y2K. The ancient Sisters of the Sorrowful Mysteries join with a gay singing group. The Radical Radiants battle the Catholics. A Christmas pageant goes horribly awry. And a child is born.

Only a modern master like Gregory Maguire could spin a tale as frantic, funny, and farcical as *The Next Queen of Heaven*.

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Gregory Mackenzie:

The particular book *The Next Queen of Heaven: A Novel* has a lot info on it. So when you make sure to read this book you can get a lot of benefit. The book was written by the very famous author. The author makes some research previous to write this book. This kind of book very easy to read you can get the point easily after perusing this book.

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