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#### **Editorial Review**

#### Amazon.com Review

When Bone first came on the scene, critics raved about it, often mentioning it as being "fun for the whole family." Jeff Smith has always been wary about others labeling his work "for children," partly because he knew that "no topic of human experience--from the introspection of *Peanuts* or the politics of *Doonesbury* to the lyricism of *Pogo*--was beyond the wonderful world of comics." He was also cautious because he knew that the story he was telling was going to deal with issues and themes graver than Saturday morning's cotton-candy cartoons. In *Bone: The Dragonslayer*, the first volume of the second Bone trilogy, there is conflict, sometimes involving violence. There are forces of evil. There is war. But Bone is neither pap nor pabulum; it is challenging without being obtuse, and yes, even within its fantasy setting, Bone is real. This distinct combination makes it the best kind of children's book. Parents, read this book *with* your children. You'll find it may turn out to be your favorite book, too.

#### From School Library Journal

Grade 4 Up—This book will no doubt please fans of the series, but the plot is somber and often drags, and the humor is too easy, too sparse, and not dry-witted, as in earlier titles. What the story lacks in plot, it makes up for in character development; there are back stories about Thorn; Gran'ma; and a mysterious, new, hooded dark leader; and the relationship between Fone Bone and Thorn deepens. While the series as a whole has appeal to both young and old alike, the dark images and light violence in this title might be too intense for some younger readers.—Scott La Counte, Anaheim Public Library, CA
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#### Review

#### **Praise for the Bone series**

Named one of the top ten graphic novels of all time by Time

"Spectacular." -Spin magazine

"One of the best kids' comics ever." -VIBE magazine

"Jeff Smith's Bone series . . . is a true accomplishment. Not only is it a terrific graphic-novel series, but it's a superb example of storytelling." -School Library Journal

"Bone is storytelling at its best, full of endearing, flawed characters whose adventures run the gamut from hilarious whimsy to thrilling drama." -Entertainment Weekly

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