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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

"I have seen the future of the horror genre, and his name is Clive Barker," Stephen King has written. Fortunately, this first novel (Barker has published short story collections) more than bears the weight of King's praise. Barker is a better writer than King, and his characters are just as interesting. Set in modern Britain, the story thrusts a flawed "innocent" parolee Marty Strauss into an epic conflict between wealthy Joseph Whitehead and Mamoulian the Cardplayer, a centuries-old creature with whom Whitehead had struck a bargain to obtain his wealth and power. Whitehead reneges, and the resulting struggle is played out primarily on his fortress-like estate. Barker's excellent writing makes the graphic, grotesque imagery endemic to current horror fiction very effective. Highly recommended anywhere horror fiction is popular.

A.J. Wright, Anesthesiology Dept., Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham

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Review

"A deliciously scary tale...Barker's brilliantly literary work has raised horror to a level of excellence it has rarely reached before." —**Whitley Streiber**

"One of the best horror novels in a very long time...do not miss it!" —**USA Today**

"Original and memorable...engrossing...disturbing...Horror mavens who enjoy violence and harrowing imagery will find plenty of both here. But there is more to **The Damnation Game** than gore. This story of a supernaturally powerful man who can resurrect the dead probes the many varieties of corruption."

—**Publishers Weekly**

"Remarkably powerful...Barker has created a truly legendary monster. In pure descriptive power there is no one writing horror fiction now who can match him." —**The Washington Post**

"Wonderful, moving and apocalyptic. Death and damnation hang at the end of every chapter. Barker makes us squirm." —**Seattle Post-Intelligencer**

"Will fry your eyes off! Keep the lights on." —**Larry King**

"A masterly novel...a thrill a minute." —**Chicago Sun-Times**

“A tour de force of gruesome supernatural horror...startling, hard-hitting, graphic...brilliantly executed.”
—Fantasy Review

“A horrifying thriller.” —The Wall Street Journal

“A gripping tale of hideous evil.” —New York Daily News

“Will hold you in its spell. Barker has a keen knack for ripping the skin off every detail and exposing the horrors lurking just below the surface...Captivating and original.” —South Herald Tribune

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“Powerful...original...Barker’s horror is elegant enough that one can admire it as a kind of hellish choreography, with the characters all dancing to his phantasmagorical tune.” —New York Newsday

About the Author

Born in Liverpool in 1952, Clive Barker has written and produced a number of Grand Guignol plays, including **The History of the Devil** and **Frankenstein in Love**. His volumes of short fiction, **Books of Blood**, earned him immediate praise from horror fans and literary critics alike. He won both the British and World Fantasy Awards, and was nominated for the coveted Booker Prize, Britain’s highest literary award. His bestselling novels include **The Damnation Game**, **Imajica**, **The Thief of Always**, **The Great and Secret Show**, and **Everville**. He also created the now-classic **Hellraiser** films, as well as **Nightbreed**, and

Lord of Illusions.

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