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Grandpa Joe's town has always been controlled by the enemy, who walks openly among them. Yet, Max has always felt safer there than anywhere else. Until now that is. A perfect killer is on the loose. One that not only destroys a person's body, but steals their soul. Kacha, the changeling, has unlocked the secrets of the ancient magical book and is building a new hourglass and gateway. He discovers how to construct a powerful weapon called "The Demon's Fork," which allows him to capture the souls of everyone in the entire town, all at once. Kacha uses this curse on Grandpa's town to distract Max and the others so he can complete his ultimate goal of capturing descendants of magical ancestry to fill his hourglass. The hunt for Kacha leads Max and his friends on a dangerous quest as they try to capture Kacha before he is able to complete his evil plans. Secrecy will be the key to avoid an even deadlier situation.

## The Descendant and the Demon's Fork Details

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# **From Reader Review The Descendant and the Demon's Fork for online ebook**

## **David says**

On to number 4.

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## **Steve Hikida says**

Starting to feel stale. It may be me, but the writing is not gripping me as much as the first two of the series.

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## **Jessica Augustsson says**

The third installment of the Max and the Gatekeeper series delves even more into the minds of the enemies, and this time, Max and his friends must fight to keep them from taking over the world from New York City. Will he be able to defeat them in time before more towns are destroyed? And is it good or bad that one enemy faction seems to be as interested as he is in finding the other?

This was another fun kids and YA book from James Todd Cochrane. I know first-hand of many kids that really enjoyed it, and the fact that the previous books in the series have been picked up by some schools shows that it's got great support out there!

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## **Kevis Hendrickson says**

The Descendant and the Demon's Fork is the third installment in the Max and the Gatekeeper series. Like its predecessors, this book continues the tale of a young boy named Max who finds himself at the very center of an intergalactic war. Max has the unenviable task of fighting the forces of evil while trying to cope with life as a teenager.

One thing I've enjoyed about this series is the sheer imagination of the story. There is always some new twist or interesting adventure to read about. In many ways, this is the best offering yet. The villains are quite vicious in this one and the heroes are always hard pressed to outwit them. The only complaint that I had with this book is that Max and his best friend Cindy seem to be a little more helpless than usual. Because the enemies are so powerful, the children are over matched in nearly every confrontation with evil and seem to require the help of adults to survive their battles. If this happened only once or twice, I wouldn't mention it. But since this book is really about Max, I would prefer to see him solve most of the challenges he faces. This is really a minor point, because the story is compelling and I imagine as the series goes on, we'll see Max grow stronger.

I think middle graders out there will have a blast reading this book. This is easily one of the best young adult fantasy series I've read and would recommend it to anyone who loves action-adventure novels with a heavy dose of imagination. Can't wait to see what's in store for us lucky readers in the next book!

4 Stars

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### **Deborah says**

The writer continues to tell a good story.

I liked the new characters and the character development of the old characters.

It seems as if the evil characters are starting to outwit and become more powerful than the good characters. I find it a little discouraging at times that the evil powers are so overwhelming.

I did not mind that the children had to turn to adults for help. I know in "real life" children/teens should be able to trust and turn to adults in time of need, so I have no problem that book characters do likewise.

Again, the action is great. It is a fast moving book with lots of energy.

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### **Gay says**

Great book. Keeps you on the edge of your seat. Can't wait to read the next book.

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