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Logan Tom is doomed to remember the past and determined to rescue the future. Far behind him lies a boyhood cut violently short by his family's slaughter, when the forces of madness and hate swept our world after decadent excesses led to civilization's downfall. Somewhere ahead of him rests the only chance to beat back the minions of evil that are systematically killing and enslaving the last remnants of humanity. Navigating the scarred and poisoned landscape that once was America and guided by a powerful talisman, Logan has sworn an oath to seek out a remarkable being born of magic, possessed of untold abilities, and destined to lead the final fight against darkness.

Across the country, Angel Perez, herself a survivor of the malevolent, death-dealing forces combing the land, has also been chosen for an uncanny mission in the name of her ruined world's salvation. From the devastated streets of Los Angeles, she will journey to find a place—and a people—shrouded in mystery, celebrated in legend, and vital to the cause of humankind . . . even as a relentless foe follows close behind, bent on her extermination. While in the nearly forsaken city of Seattle, a makeshift family of refugees has carved out a tenuous existence among the street gangs, mutants, and marauders fighting to stay alive against mounting odds—and something unspeakable that has come from the shadows in search of prey.

In time, all their paths will cross. Their common purpose will draw them together. Their courage and convictions will be tested and their fates will be decided, as their singular crusade begins: to take back, or lose forever, the only world they have.

In *Armageddon's Children*, Brooks brings his gifts as a mythmaker to the timeless theme of the unending, essential conflict between darkness and light—and carries his unique imaginative vision to a stunning new level. Prepare for a breathtaking tour de force. To those who are new to Terry Brooks, welcome. And to those who have read him for many years: prepare for a dramatic surprise.

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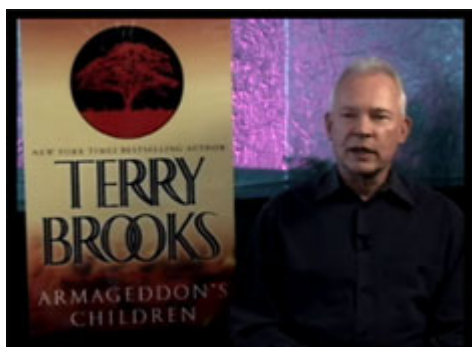
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From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. In this exciting first of a new fantasy trilogy, bestseller Brooks effortlessly connects the Tolkien-infused magic of his Shannara books (*First King of Shannara*, etc.) with the urban, postapocalyptic world of his Word and the Void series (*Running with the Demon*, etc.). The author envisions a chilling near-future U.S., where civilization has collapsed from environmental degradation, plagues, global warfare and supernatural threats. The last surviving members of the Knights of the Word, Logan Tom and Angel Perez, seek to keep the "balance of the world's magic in check" as they battle the Void—embodied by demons, their leader Findo Cask and their vicious human mutant counterparts known as "once-men." The Ghosts, an endearing tribe of street teens led by the resourceful Hawk, also scabble for survival. Meanwhile, the human-demon war threatens the coexisting Elven nation. Longtime Brooks fans and newcomers will be riveted as the fate of the human and Elven worlds hangs in the balance. (Sept.)

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Adult/High School—Fans of Brooks, best known for his Shannara series (Del Rey), will be delighted by this novel. Set on Earth some 80 years from now, it is the first volume in an untitled pre-Shannara series that continues the story of the author's Word/Void trilogy (Del Rey). The Earth has been ravished by ecological disasters and demons, and once-men and horrible mutated monsters roam the planet. Any remaining humans are holed up in fortresses, except for the outcasts and the unwanted street children, including a group called the Ghosts, who have formed tribes to survive. Logan Tom and Angel Peres, who are Knights of the Word, have been recruited by The Lady to save and protect the gypsy morph, the offspring of Nest Freegard, previously featured in the trilogy. Brooks has an easy and fluid style; he makes a complicated plot less difficult to understand. Teens new to his work will love this introduction to his best-selling fantasies. And there are enough characters (and some surprises) from the other books to make any fan happy. Be warned,

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