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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Supernatural horror novels featuring adults confronting fears and mysteries from their childhood have been made common by King and others, so elements of Clements's latest seem too familiar. Yet in exploring--via a peculiar haunting--the powers of belief and imagination, the author of *Lorelei* and *Children of the End* turns in an involving yarn, pitching some new twists into an old formula. Nightmares about his youth drive 40-something attorney Jeff Dittimore to return to his childhood town, where further apparitions and uncanny conversations with friends from his past lead him to understand what happened many years earlier, when his two school chums disappeared. Finally, Dittimore joins the apparitions and childhood friends in "the land of Nod," a realm that is both real and not-real, to fight for himself and others against monstrous forces. Through strong characters and atmospheric settings, and by varying Dittimore's present-day, first-person narrative with a few third-person excursions into his protagonist's childhood, Clements delivers yet another soundly told and entertaining, if rather traditional, horror tale.

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From [Booklist](#)

Clements, who made sex terrifying in *Lorelei*, turns the wistful nostalgia of *Peter Pan* on its head in his latest horror story. Jeff Dittimore is a yuppie attorney in Los Angeles whose professional success--he's in line to be named his firm's managing partner--was achieved at the expense of his personal life: he has just gone through a nasty divorce from his neglected, adulterous wife and has too little time to spend with the teenage daughter he loves. Now Dittimore seems to be cracking up: he's beset by vivid nightmares and keeps seeing (or hallucinating?) long-dead childhood buddies in his bedroom, his office, even classy, expense-account restaurants. To find out what's really happening, Dittimore heads for his home town--Middlefield, Indiana--where he learns that although you *can* go home again, it's probably not a terrific idea. *The Land of Nod* demands a huge suspension of disbelief, but by moving back and forth between Dittimore's adult anxieties and the preteen relationships and experiences those anxieties recapitulate, Clements prepares readers to leap with him into unknown dimensions of paranoia and fear. *Mary Carroll*

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From reader reviews:

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