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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—In this companion novel to *The Girl from the Well* (Sourcebooks, 2014), the avenging ghost Okiku now resides with her human counterpart, 17-year-old Tarquin "Tark" Halloway, whom she rescued from demonic possession in the previous novel. Tark and Okiku quell unhappy, venomous ghosts that linger on Earth to kill humans and this is no easy task. Okiku frequently goes solo to dispose of human murderers she senses on Earth but also assists Tark when he is wrestling an especially cantankerous spirit. This is the case when fellow Pembroke High classmates seek his aid. Tark agrees to exorcise an evil spirit that his inexperienced classmates have conjured. The descriptions of the murderous Japanese spirit of an old woman he eventually wrangles into a doll with Okiku's help are startlingly graphic. Part temptress, part demon Okiku is more aptly developed in this installment. Tark serves as narrator, lending a smooth transition to the couple's eerie courtship. Action evolves swiftly and neatly. The pair is eventually drawn to an isolated "suicide" forest in Japan to rescue a fellow exorcist and an American ghost-hunting TV crew. Teens will savor the vivid portrayal of ghost exorcism as well as the action-packed adventure, romance, and drama of this tale. While a stand-alone, this volume would be best appreciated after reading the first title. **VERDICT** An exciting, unforgettable drama that echoes Stephen King infused with Japanese culture.—Julie Shatterly, W. A. Bess Elementary School, Gastonia, NC

Review

"Rin Chupeco's *The Suffering* is a horror lover's dream: murders, possessed dolls, and desiccated corpses. I cringed. I grimaced. You won't soon forget this exorcist and his vengeful water ghost." - **Kendare Blake**, *author of Anna Dressed in Blood*

"Chupeco deftly combines ancient mysticism with contemporary dilemmas that teens face, immersing readers in horrors both supernatural and manmade. *The Suffering* is a chilling swim through the murky waters of morality." - **Carly Anne West**, *author of The Bargaining and The Murmuring*

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"*The Suffering* is perfect for those into indie Japanese horror games, Japanese ghost stories and folklore, or just a really good, creepy story for late on a summer night when everything is quiet except for the sound of insects outside...It would be hard to imagine a better follow-up to *The Girl from the Well*" - **SLJ Teen Newsletter**

"Chupeco's writing has only gotten better, causing even Okiku's murder scenes to be darkly poetic. Readers will be sucked into this twisted sequel of justice and terror, and they'll likely ache for more" - **Booklist**

"The prose still has a darkly lyrical bent...for those readers who do like their fiction dark and creepy, this is top-shelf stuff." - **VOYA Magazine**

""[A] startling, impressive sequel ...offer this to ghost and horror fans who appreciate sharp intelligence woven into their narratives"
" - **Bulletin of the Center For Children's Books, starred**

"The story itself is very fast paced and creepy in a way that will definitely appeal to horror fans, especially those who love the Japanese take on the genre. There are terrifying ghosts, heart-pounding scenes, and a mystery which all add up to a read that you won't want to put down " - *YA Books Central*

"Chupeco draws the reader in with her expertise in Japanese mythology and culture. This and The Girl From the Well are great scary reads and I highly recommend them for older teens as well as adults who are fond of the genre. " - *By Hook or By Book*

About the Author

Despite uncanny resemblances to Japanese revenants, Rin Chupeco has always maintained her sense of humor. Raised in Manila, Philippines, she keeps four pets: a dog, two birds, and a husband. She's been a technical writer and travel blogger, but now makes things up for a living. Connect with Rin at www.rinchupeco.com.

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