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Editorial Review

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Still grieving for the fatherly protector they called Bear, Crispin and his friend Troth wander northward through the fourteenth-century French countryside in rags, begging for food and hoping to arrive in Iceland. They arrive at a convent where the nuns value Troth's skill with healing herbs, and she decides to stay. Alone and near starvation, Crispin joins a troupe of traveling musicians who prove to be a band of murderous thieves. Discovering their plot against him strengthens Crispin's determination to escape, to free their servant boy, and to make his way to Iceland. Crispin's physical and emotional suffering, magnified by the story's almost unremitting tension, make this one of the less-romanticized medieval novels written for young people. Though the publisher states that the trilogy beginning with the Newbery-winning Crispin: The Cross of Lead (2002) ends here, the conclusion, which holds the promise of more adventures for Crispin, may not satisfy fans. Still, with necessary elements from the previous books related quickly, even readers new to the series will find this a compelling, first-person narrative. Grades 5-8. --Carolyn Phelan

Review

The action is nonstop and danger is around every corner. The first-person voice lends a sense of urgency to the novel, and Avi's writing style is as elegant and engaging as ever. (*School Library Journal*)

This final volume in the Crispin trilogy showcases the same strengths as the earlier books: brisk, suspenseful narrative with effortlessly interwoven details of medieval life and provocative questions of ethics and morality. Another rousing page-turner. (*The Horn Book*)

Praise for CRISPIN: AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD: *Child Magazine Best Book of the Year* *A Book Sense Winter Children's Pick* *National Parenting Publication Honors Award Winner* "A must purchase." (*KLIATT* (starred review))

"This moving, history-packed adventure leaves Crispin on the edge of the world and readers on the edge of their seats. Super storytelling." (*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review))

"Along with plenty of action and adventure, this displays a solid emotional base. The combination will make fans eager for the final installment." (*Booklist* (starred review))

"Readers will devour this story and eagerly anticipate the conclusion of Crispin's adventures." (*School Library Journal* (starred review))

Praise for CRISPIN: CROSS OF LEAD: *John Newbery Medal Winner* *ALA Notable Children's Book* *New York Times Best Seller* *Publishers Weekly Best Seller* *A Seattle Times Book of the Year* "Avi's plot is engineered for maximum thrills, with twists, turns, and treachery aplenty . . . A page-turner to delight Avi's fans, it will leave readers hoping for a sequel." (*Publishers Weekly* (starred review))

" . . . a page-turner from beginning to end . . . [A] meticulously crafted story, full of adventure, mystery, and action." (*School Library Journal* (starred review))

About the Author

Avi is the award-winning author of more than seventy-five books for young readers, ranging from animal

fantasy to gripping historical fiction, picture books to young adult novels. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* won the Newbery Medal, and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* and *Nothing But the Truth* were awarded Newbery Honors. He is also the author of the popular Poppy series. Avi lives outside Denver, Colorado. You can visit him online at www.avi-writer.com.

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