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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—Summer has just started, and Sierra plans to enjoy it, hanging out with her friends in their Brooklyn neighborhood and painting a mural at the local junklot. Then things start to get weird. While she is talking to fellow artist Robbie at the first party of the summer, a zombielike creature disrupts things, Robbie disappears, and she is left to discover that she lives in a world full of magic that she knows nothing about. As she slowly pieces together the mystery of her heritage, Sierra discovers her own powers of ancestral magic and battles the evil professor who is trying to steal them. Robbie is a clear love interest, but he isn't there to rescue Sierra. Sierra is a tough, confident, body-positive female protagonist of Puerto Rican descent, proud of her 'fro and curves. The fact that she and Robbie seem to be connecting romantically is portrayed as more of a happy coincidence than the culmination of a lifelong dream of romance. Dialogue is fast paced and authentic to Sierra's Brooklyn neighborhood, which is vividly described. Readers will find someone to whom they can relate in her diverse group of friends. VERDICT Excellent diverse genre fiction in an appealing package.—Kristin Anderson, Columbus Metropolitan Library System, OH

Review

Praise for *Shadowshaper* :

* "Sometimes funny and sometimes striking, Older's comfortable prose seamlessly blends English and Spanish. Warm, strong, vernacular, dynamic—a must." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

* "Excellent diverse genre fiction in an appealing package." -- *School Library Journal*, starred review

* "What makes Older's story exceptional is the way Sierra belongs in her world, grounded in family, friends, and an awareness of both history and change." -- *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

* "Smart writing with a powerful message that never overwhelms the terrific storytelling." -- *Booklist*, starred review

"The strength of Older's tale is in his meticulous attention to the details of the life of a brown-skinned, natural-haired Puerto Rican teenage girl. Older's storytelling is rich enough to warrant such treatment, because this is a world that will stay with readers long after the last page." -- *Los Angeles Times*

"*Shadowshaper*'s Sierra Santiago is the type of character we've all hoped we could have in YA." -- *Bustle.com*

"Infused with a plethora of imagination, *Shadowshaper* has an intriguing supernatural premise wrapped in rich cultural details. Older not only gives readers a diverse cast, but he stays true to their background, language and community, lending an authenticity to his work. The supernatural art and mythological elements are interestingly woven and add multiple layers to the story. If you're a YA urban fantasy reader looking for something creative and different, try *Shadowshaper* on for size." -- *Romantic Times Book Review*

"I love this book for the richness of its culture, the strength of the characters, the humor and the truth of its language. Sierra is the heroine we've been waiting for -- a pretty, brown-skinned Latina artist who is smart, strong, inventive, and unsure, all the while being heroic. Daniel José Older is one of my favorite new voices,

and I can't wait to see what he (and Sierra) come up with next." -- Anika Noni Rose, star of *Dreamgirls* and *The Princess and the Frog*

"In *Shadowshaper*, Daniel José Older has created a YA novel that is exciting, absorbing, funny, creepy, and above all, absolutely fresh. One of the best YAs I've read this year." -- Delia Sherman, author of *The Freedom Maze*

"Nothing is what it seems in Daniel José Older's dazzlingly inventive reimagined Brooklyn, where shadows turn to wraiths and graffiti comes alive. Funny, frightening, and always surprising, *Shadowshaper* is a spellbinding delight for readers of all ages." -- Sarah McCarry, author of *All Our Pretty Songs* and *About A Girl*

Praise for Daniel José Older and *Salsa Nocturna* :

"It's funny and wise and keeps you turning pages and the prose is truly fresh. It's so rare to read something that doesn't sound like anything you've read before, and so invigorating." -- John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Paper Towns*

"In Older's stories, the dead are as much a part of life as the living. The language is playful and Older's love for storytelling comes through on every page." -- Roxane Gay, author of *An Untamed State* and *Bad Feminist*, in *The Nation*

"Simply put, Daniel José Older has one of the most refreshing voices in genre fiction today." -- Saladin Ahmed, author of *Throne of the Crescent Moon*

From the Inside Flap

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Diane Gonzales:

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