

she will respond to the universal power of music, an act of pure creation set in a place of utter devastation. In addition, the young reader may be inspired to search for more information about Alen's homeland. Wellburn and Houston obviously hope that the story instills in the reader an appreciation for the powerful inspiration of art and a desire for peace, particularly for the world's children. The message and the music echo and reverberate in the reader's mind.

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