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Like so many children's fantasy stories, this book deals with the presence of another world alongside our own. The world inhabited by Cassandra Spellman and her weird relations (who unfortunately begin to resemble the Addams family) is more vividly realised than the thinly-drawn home life of the main character, Emma. The morality of the book is somewhat ambiguous - we're expected to dislike and fear the Spellmans for their child-stealing activities and their lack of concern for ordinary mortals, and simultaneously to revere them as the last survivors of a nobler race. Nevertheless, in spite of these flaws, the book is exciting and different enough to be enjoyed by upper juniors.

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