Curse of the Bane (The Last Apprentice)

A Good And Satisfying Scary Tale!

Now its the darks turn to be afraid

The Spook and his apprentice, Thomas Ward, deal with the dark. Together they rid the county of witches, ghosts, and boggarts. But now theres some unfinished business to attend to in Priestown. Deep in the catacombs of the cathedral lurks a creature the Spook has never been able to defeat; a force so evil that the whole county is in danger of being corrupted by its powers. The Bane!

As Thomas and the Spook prepare for the battle of their lives, it becomes clear that the Bane isnt their only enemy. The Quisitor has arrived, searching for those who meddle with the dark so he can imprison them—or worse.

Can Thomas defeat the Bane on his own? Is his friend Alice guilty of witchcraft? And will the Spook be able to escape the Quisitors clutches?

My Personal Review:
A mix of medieval fantasy and good old-fashioned horror, this second book in The Last Apprentice series will definitely take its place in your grey matter [and your bones] for a long time. Young Tom Ward is the Spooks apprentice. The Spook, whose brother is a priest, rids the county of dark forces on a less spiritual level. Although people throughout the county are indebted to the work of the Spook, who neutralizes dangerous witches, boggarts and ghosts, he is treated with fear and apprehension. A major antagonist is the Quisitor, who makes it his mission to eliminate those who practice what he deems the dark arts. And yet, there is an even more deadly foe, the Bane, a shape-shifting demon that controls minds, and must be eliminated before the dire prophecy regarding the Bane rings true. The story is told by Tom, accommodated by intriguing illustrations and
addendums. This is edge-of-your-seat scary, and I can't wait to read it again!

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