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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—With this romantic mash-up of classic fairy tales that touch on elements from the familiar "Little Red Riding Hood" and the lesser-known "Girl with No Hands," Hodge has created a chilled cocktail of creep and gore shaken, stirred lightly, and poured over villains who fall in love and heroines who commit murder. Featured in this delicate and skillfully written romantic horror is Rachelle Brinon, who has been trained by her aunt to serve as a woodwife. It's her responsibility to protect the village from the dark magic of the forest. While venturing into the forest, Rachelle is eventually tricked by a humanlike wolf creature, to whom she becomes bound to it by a thin crimson thread that only she can see. The connection is filled with passion and also gives her superhuman skills with the possibility of immortality. Now one of the king's assassins, Rachelle has many responsibilities and soon realizes that there are just as many dangers and threats within the kingdom as they are without. Loyalties are stretched when she's assigned the job of protecting Prince Armand, and a romantic triangle develops among Rachelle, the prince, and the captain of the bloodbonds. Teens will gladly join this quest to find out if there's a happy ever after in this intricate web of friendship, fear, loyalty, love, and hate. **VERDICT** With a thoroughly developed setting and so many shadowed nods to the Brothers Grimm, this novel will captivate readers. Outstanding.—Sabrina Carnesi, Crittenden Middle School, Newport News, VA

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"This novel will captivate readers. Outstanding." (School Library Journal (starred review))

"An intoxicatingly dark story of love, lust, murder, and redemption." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (starred review))

"The unusual, intricately woven story and themes make for a worthwhile read." (Kirkus Reviews)

"Plot twists and romance keep the pages turning in this grim and intricate take on the classic tale." (Booklist)

Praise for *CRUEL BEAUTY*: "A completely engrossing tale." (Alex Flinn, New York Times bestselling author of *Beastly* and *Towering*)

Praise for *CRUEL BEAUTY*: "A dazzling and clever retelling, *Cruel Beauty* is delightfully dark, lushly romantic, and utterly spellbinding. I adored it, and can't wait to read Hodge's next novel!" (Sarah J. Maas, New York Times bestselling author of the *Throne of Glass* series)

Praise for *CRUEL BEAUTY*: "What a stunning debut. This is a book you will want to read as fast as you can for the intricate plot and as slowly as you can to savor the gorgeous world-building and the ravishing love story."- (Sherry Thomas, author of *The Burning Sky*)

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Praise for *CRUEL BEAUTY*: "The push and pull romance between Nyx and Ignifex is pure fairy tale, but the characters themselves are complex and genuinely human as they struggle with their own culpability in a situation that forces them to choose between selfishness and selflessness." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Praise for CRUEL BEAUTY: “An entertaining read for teens who enjoy romantic fantasy.” (School Library Journal)

Praise for CRUEL BEAUTY: “Hodge has created a rich, complete world in this twist on ‘Beauty and the Beast.’” (Publishers Weekly)

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From the Back Cover

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Regina Rodgers:

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