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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Nyx Triskelion has known for most of her life that she must marry Ignifex, the "Gentle Lord" who terrorizes her world, due to a bargain her father made before her birth. She also knows that once married, she must destroy the evil despot and the demons under his command. For years, Nyx has been training in the Hermetic Arts, the method by which she is supposed to kill her husband. Yet when the time comes, she cannot shake the desire she develops for him. It does not help that she was raised as barely more than a sacrifice, unused to the idea of love. Despite her attraction to Ignifex, Nyx makes several attempts on his life (all of which are easily thwarted). Hodge's story infuses elements of Greek mythology and classic fairy tales. The plot moves quickly, and the characters are well formed; their transgressions make them interesting and authentic. The complex relationship between Nyx and Ignifex is especially engaging. An entertaining read for teens who enjoy romantic fantasy.—Kristyn Dorfman, The Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, NY

From [Booklist](#)

As part of her father's ill-considered bargain, 17-year-old Nyx has been betrothed to the "gentle lord," the prince of demons who destroyed the line of Arcadian kings and now torments the villagers. Coached by her father and underground patriots, Nyx plans to kill the gentle lord, the beast she comes to know as Ignifex, and release Arcadia from his evil power. Nyx discovers, however, that Ignifex struggles with his own demons, and against her will and steely determination, she falls in love with him. A compelling and convincing narrator, the feisty Nyx mellows and evolves as she relates the story. Based on "The Beauty and the Beast" and borrowing ancient Greek gods and myths as well as folklore motifs, Nyx's Arcadia is a fascinating if sometimes confusing, complex fantasy world. Sexuality is never explicit, but confrontations and sexual tension between Nyx and Ignifex propel the fast-paced romantic fantasy. Grades 8-11. --Linda Perkins

Review

"A completely engrossing tale." (Alex Flinn, New York Times bestselling author of BEASTLY and TOWERING)

"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)

"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)

"An intricate and arresting tale well worth readers' time ... Hodge succeeds in creating a refreshingly human and real protagonist and love interest. They are both strong and flawed, and they—even more strikingly—embrace those qualities in themselves and each other. Engrossing." (Kirkus Reviews)

"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)

"An entertaining read for teens who enjoy romantic fantasy." (School Library Journal)

“Debut novelist Hodge has created a rich, complete world in this twist on ‘Beauty and the Beast.’”  
(Publishers Weekly)

“Will have readers clutching the book and flying through the pages.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

“[A] fast-paced romantic fantasy.” (Booklist)

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