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In the neighboring kingdom of Eldr, when Prince Kol's father and older brother are killed by an invading army of magic-wielding ogres, the second-born prince is suddenly given the responsibility of saving his kingdom. To do that, Kol needs magic of his own—and the only way to get it is to make a deal with the queen of Ravenspire, promise to become her personal huntsman—and bring her Lorelai's heart.

But Lorelai is nothing like Kol expected—beautiful, fierce, and unstoppable—and despite dark magic, Lorelai is drawn in by the passionate and troubled king. Fighting to stay one step ahead of the dragon huntsman—who she likes far more than she should—Lorelai does everything in her power to ruin the wicked queen. But Irina isn't going down without a fight, and her final move may cost the princess the one thing she still has left to lose.

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—An action-packed retelling of "Snow White" with elements of horror and romance. Princess Lorelei fled the Ravenspire castle nine years ago, when her stepmother Irina used dark magic to kill her father and enslave the court. Now the 17-year-old and her younger brother live in hiding, coming out only in disguise to raid royal food storehouses and feed her country's starving people. This princess is smart, a skilled fighter, and a powerful magic user herself, and she has a long-range plan: gain the people's favor and topple the usurper queen. In a parallel plot, teenage king Kol travels to Ravenspire to beg Irina to save nearby country Eldr from invading ogres. In return for her help, the wicked queen compels Kol to hunt down Lorelei and bring back her heart. As the teens' stories come together, the outcome affects both countries. There are some truly cinematic moments here: predatory vines with eyeless heads, Lorelei sprinting up the sides of buildings, and Irina imprisoning an elderly noblewoman inside a tree and forcing her to choke out poisoned apples hour after hour. Kol's Eldrian people can change into dragons, and this novel finally answers the question of where shape-shifters put their clothes while in animal form (dragon-size backpacks!). In a refreshing departure from the original, when Kol inevitably falls in love with Lorelei, it's for her strength and selflessness rather than her beauty. **VERDICT** Great fun, and a first purchase where dark fantasy or fairy tale retellings are popular.—Beth Wright Redford, Richmond Elementary School Library, VT

Review

"Forget everything you think you know about Snow White. There are no shrinking violets here, just a bold and cunning princess determined to save a kingdom that's rotting beneath dark magic.... A gripping addition to the retelling genre." (Marissa Meyer, New York Times bestselling author of the Lunar Chronicles)

"With poison, fire, and deadly deeds, this tale is hard to put down and even harder to forget. I'll never look at apples the same way again!" (Maria V. Snyder, New York Times bestselling author of the Study series)

"A perfect addition to the fractured fairy[tale] genre...the princess does not need any saving in this tale." (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

"Magic, dragons, and royalty in hiding: The Shadow Queen hits all the right notes of an incredible epic fantasy." (Jodi Meadows, author of the Orphan Queen duology)

"Filled with complex characters, imaginative and horrible consequences, and sharp twists (Booklist)

"An action-packed retelling of "Snow White"...Great fun" (School Library Journal)

"A fully imagined fairy tale landscape." (Publishers Weekly)

Praise for DELIVERANCE: "A sharp new epic" (Booklist)

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Praise for DEFIANCE: "C.J. Redwine's DEFIANCE is a gritty, thrilling adventure sprinkled with moments

of breathtaking tenderness. I read it in one sitting.” (Rae Carson, Morris Award finalist for and New York Times bestselling author of THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS)

Praise for DEFIANCE: “Spellbinding, romantic, and impossible to put down.” (Julie Kagawa, New York Times bestselling author of the Iron Fey series and the Blood of Eden series)

About the Author

C. J. Redwine loves fairy tales, Harry Potter, and Sherlock and is the author of the *Defiance* trilogy and *The Shadow Queen*. If the novel writing gig ever falls through, she'll join the Avengers and wear a cape to work.

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