

Title: *This Vicious Grace*
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Genre: Fantasy, Young Adult, Romance

Reviewer Name and Grade: Vincent H., 8th Grade

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This *Vicious Grace* is about Alessa, a Finestra. Finestras are people gifted by the gods to be able to enhance a person's magical power. There have been many generations of Finestras, who are supposed to protect their island home from Divarando, the day that a swarm of hungry demons are unleashed on their home. However, Finestras can also kill a Fonte if they are not careful, and Alessa has already killed three. Now, she has a month to choose a Fonte that she won't kill and she has dozens to pick from. A rumor has been spreading by a powerful priest, Ivini, that says that the only way that the island has to kill the Finestra for safety. Many people she goes to a tavern. There is a cage fight and a fighter called the Wolf wins. She recruits him to start believing this, and an attempt on Alessa's life is made. She sneaks out of the castle and protect her from danger. However, even though she killed the last Fontes she chose, she still still needs to choose another one to stand by her side on Divarando.

The book was truly satisfying to read and it kept me interested throughout the whole story. The pace of the book was a bit slow to me but the book was full of details which justifies it being slow to read. There are no disabilities for me except for the little bits of fiction that I would have to remember, however, it was too small to make a difference that mattered. I am in 8th grade and I would recommend this book for middle schoolers and up because the book is pretty complex. I give this book 5 stars as *This Vicious Grace* was really one of the best fantasy books I have read other than books about the medieval times (my favorite genre).

5 stars: This book was near perfect as it seems like a great fantasy fiction book. I loved reading this book. This book was very unpredictable which I liked personally. I believe this to be one of my favorite fantasy books as it just felt correct to me. I loved reading along the Finestra and being surprised at whatever the story revealed. In the end, this book is near perfect for my standards and I believe fantasy lovers should give it a try.