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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In Turgeon's surprisingly dark retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*, two women pine for the affections of a prince: mermaid Lenia, who pulls Prince Christopher from the sea, and Margrethe, the princess of the rival kingdom, who witnesses the rescue from the convent where she hides from the war raging between their two kingdoms. Lenia, who falls instantly in love with the prince, sacrifices the sea, her voice, and her health to be with him on dry land. Meanwhile, Margrethe believes that marrying the prince would unite their kingdoms, but when she arrives to arrange it, she finds him already enraptured with Lenia. While he remains unaware that the girl he loves is also the mermaid who saved him, Margrethe recognizes her rival immediately and puts into motion a plan to send the ailing mermaid back to the sea and save her own ravaged kingdom. Turgeon has done a superb job of creating compelling characters and conflict from a story already familiar to readers. (Mar.)

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From [Booklist](#)

Turgeon refashions Hans Christian Andersen's beloved classic, *The Little Mermaid*, into something altogether darker and more foreboding. When two women from two decidedly different worlds fall for the same prince, what else can ensue but heartache and misery? After rescuing a human from the sea, mermaid Princess Lenia falls hard for Prince Christopher, even agreeing to give up her beautiful voice and to endure the constant pain caused by her new legs in order to pursue him on dry land. Meanwhile, Princess Margrethe has also set her sights on the handsome prince in hopes of uniting their two warring kingdoms. With Lenia's life on the line and war looming on the horizon, the prince's choice is bound to have catastrophic consequences. More robust than a fractured fairy tale, Turgeon's brooding retelling gives voice to both women, fleshing out an essentially tragic tale of destiny and desire. Not exactly a cozy bedtime story, but guaranteed to keep you guessing who—if anyone—will live happily ever after. --Margaret Flanagan

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**“A gothic love triangle with two equally matched heroines. This isn’t kid’s stuff.”—*Kirkus Reviews***

**"Vividly imagined and skillfully told, *Mermaid* is a dark tale that shimmers with light."--Cathy Marie Buchanan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Day the Falls Stood Still***

**“There is a part of every reader that longs to return to the days of reading fairy tales and myths, when imagination had no limits and stories were spellbinding. Carolyn Turgeon’s *Mermaid* evokes just that feeling. She is one of my new favorite writers.”--Jo-Ann Mapson, author of *Solomon’s Oak* and the *Bad Girl Creek* trilogy**

“This *Mermaid* is **resplendent with shimmering details**, the dark and thrilling story behind that comforting childhood memory. At once fresh and familiar, heartbreaking and full of hope, this dark retelling of Hans Christian Anderson’s *The Little Mermaid* is like a gorgeous dream remembered.”—**Jeanine Cummins, bestselling author of *A Rip in Heaven* and *The Outside Boy***

“**As moody and atmospheric as a gothic novel**, *Mermaid* is a heartfelt portrait of young love and all its sweet complications. Sweeping and lush, an inspired and imaginative reimagining of my favorite fairy tale.”—**Timothy Schaffert, author of *The Coffins of Little Hope***

“**Turgeon's ability to breathe new life into the old bones of a beloved story we all think we know is unparalleled.**”—**Anton Strout, author of the *Simon Canderous* series**

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