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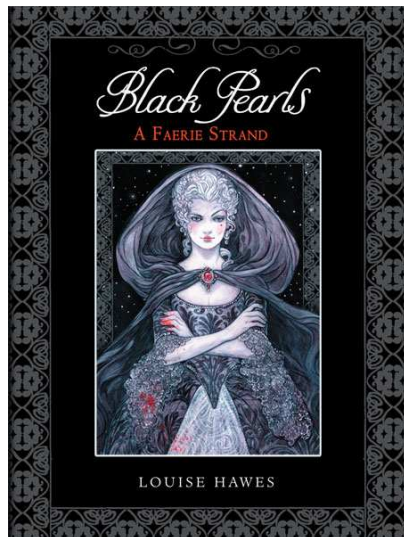
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"Twisted, clever, and artfully written, these are a high-quality addition to the fractured fairy tale genre." —Booklist

Black Pearls: A Faerie Strand

By Louise Hawes

With illustrations by Rebecca Guay



These aren't your grandmother's fairy tales . . .

Edgy, dark and at times terrifying, these are the old tales of your childhood told in a way you've never heard them before.

Author Louise Hawes has reimagined the staple stories of Rapunzel, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and more in this haunting new compilation, *Black Pearls: A Faerie Strand*. Through vivid characterizations, vibrant settings and reinterpreted themes, Hawes has breathed new life into these stories of old and given us a glimpse into the darker human motivations behind our most beloved fairy tales.

More likely to keep you awake at night than lull you to sleep, *Black Pearls* is a riveting and thrilling revamping of age-old classics for today's reader.

Louise Hawes, who lives in North Carolina, has always loved fairy tales and is currently at work on a fantasy novel. She says *Black Pearls* was written for "everyone who dances without looking at the clock." For more on Louise and her books, check out www.louisehawes.com.

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