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## **Description:**

**From Publishers Weekly** Alys, falsely accused of witchcraft, her father dead from the strain of her trial, is condemned to be sacrificed to a dragon. So she is only too eager when Selendrile, a wonderfully ambiguous LeGuinian dragon able to assume a human form unexpectedly offers to help her retaliate. Together they contrive the disgrace of her inquisitor. But matters get complicated, forcing Alys to decide what she really wants after all. Vande Velde's ( User Unfriendly ) gripping adventure probes the issues associated with revenge, and Alys's response at the conclusion leaves ample room for a sequel. Some characters--in particular, an actual witch--are left disappointingly undeveloped, but Alys herself is a worthy heroine, with a capacious gift for irony. A thoughtful mainstream fantasy with a gently feminist slant. Ages 12-up.

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**From School Library Journal** Grade 5-9-- In one afternoon, Alys, 15, loses everything. A motherless tinsmith's daughter, she is falsely accused of witchcraft by her greedy neighbors, convicted by Inquisitor Atherton, and staked out as bait for a marauding dragon. Upon hearing her sentence, her ailing father drops dead. No wonder she is ready to die when the dragon appears. To her surprise, the creature does not devour her. Instead, he changes into an attractive young man who offers to help her take vengeance on her enemies. As they embark on an elaborate scheme to frame Atherton and discredit the neighbors, Alys struggles to fathom the dragon's character. Is he cruel and deceitful, or worthy of her trust? Almost too late, she discovers that he has a fatal weakness, and she is willing to sacrifice her hopes of revenge, and even her own life, to save him. While the writing is smooth and the story moves quickly, the girl's emotions are not convincingly portrayed. The story's tone wobbles, sometimes keeping a comic distance from tragic events. The abrupt ending may leave readers puzzled as to the heroine's motivations. Still, libraries with an audience for entertaining, romantic fantasies may find this good book bait. --Margaret A. Chang, North Adams State College, MA

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