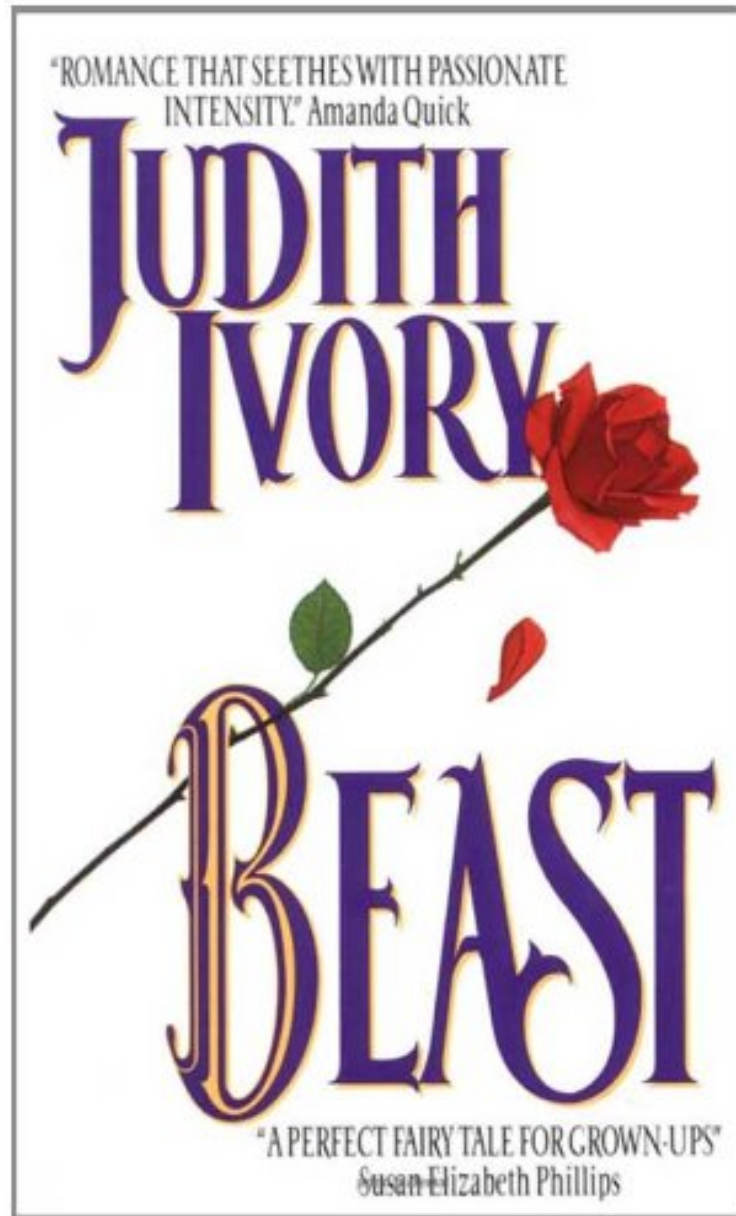


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**Von Judith Ivory : Beast (Avon Romantic Treasure)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beast (Avon Romantic Treasure):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Can two

very flawed characters find happiness? Von Ein Kunde  
Reading this book, I was hard pressed to figure out who the "beast" of the title really was. True, the "hero" was disfigured and met his lady only under cover of darkness, but the lady in question was no true beauty, either. Much is made of her physical beauty, but she is a very spoiled, sheltered, and selfish 18-year-old with a VERY teenagerish outlook on life. Much is made of her honesty, but she hardly thinks twice about lying to her family and husband about a shipboard romance. Much is made over her desire to make something of her life, but she ends up mooning over her lost love, being cruel to those who love her, and then--pregnant. There is the requisite happy ending, but by that time I was so annoyed with the foolishness of both of them, I really didn't care. In terms of plot, though, the first half of the book is dynamite, a great set-up. The arrival in Marseilles is an expertly written piece of work. And Ivory is true to her characters, even if they do annoy the heck out of you. I won't be keeping this one, but I will remember it.  
1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a delightful adult [read "hot"] twist on the old fairytale  
Von Ein Kunde  
I read Ivory's new one, THE PROPOSITION, and thought it was hilarious and sexy with great dialog, so I bought BEAST and SLEEPING BEAUTY. I wasn't disappointed a bit, even though I liked THE PROPOSITION best. Don't miss the other two though. What I liked best about BEAST was that half of it takes place on a dark ship that might sink, sort of like Titanic, and you really feel you are there till you almost are seasick. I liked the contrast of the dark half with the second half of the book in daylight, where the heroine is so beautiful she scares people, and the hero is so "ugly" he does too, including the heroine. My heart broke for him when the young girl he's married, who he has fallen in love with on the ship, sees him and is repulsed. Louise is an immature, rich 18-year-old who grows up when she falls in love with an eccentric hero who is much older. Traditional romance stuff but not like you have read it before. I was up all night enjoying this beastly good tale.  
2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Definite Keeper  
Von Ein Kunde  
I loved this book the first time I read it, and I enjoy it just as much every time I reread it. Ms. Ivory has created wonderfully complex characters that do not fit the standard romantic "formula". I believe this is the reason readers either love or hate this book.

Kurzbeschreibung  
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Synopsis  
Agreeing to marry European aristocrat Charles d'Harcourt, who is rumored to be hideously ugly, American heiress Louise Vandermeer decides to have a last fling with a compelling stranger aboard the ship that carries her to her new home. Original.