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### Editorial Review

#### From Booklist

At first glance, this novel's premise is a bit of a stretch. Krampus, child of Loki and spirit of Yule, is imprisoned by Santa Claus. There's no love lost between the two. Krampus hates Santa for the betrayal that led to his imprisonment, while Santa Claus believes that Krampus is a relic, far past his time. Enter the hapless Jesse, who witnesses a fight between Krampus' followers (the belsnickels) and Santa as he's cursing himself for failing to get his daughter what she wanted for Christmas. His wife has already left him, and he's sinking into despair. Then he finds Santa's sack in his bedroom, where it fell through the roof of his trailer. Yes, he gets his daughter what she wanted. Then his wife accuses him of stealing it, the belsnickels track him down, and we get to the meat of the plot: Krampus' revenge on Santa, which will reveal Santa's true history and maybe give Jesse hope. This is a surprisingly good story, told with entertaining style and some unexpectedly sympathetic characters, and the illustrations are a treat. --Regina Schroeder

#### Review

"The creator of *The Child Thief*, is back — and this time he's taking on the Christmas Devil. Are you ready for a study, Nordic Santa Claus, and his scary/sexy wife?" (Charlie Jane Anders, io9.com)

"Brom is that rare breed: a person who is skilled in more than one area of artistic expression. Here's hoping that he will continue to share his dark and often beautiful dreams with us for many years to come."  
(Christopher Paolini, bestelling author of *Eragon* on KRAMPUS)

"This illustrated horror novel by acclaimed gothic fantasy artist, illustrator, and novelist Brom (*The Child Thief*) is perfect for anyone who disdains a cozy, sentimental holiday story." (Library Journal)

"Terrific. A wild ride--the idea sounded like a stretch and I'm not sure how many guys could have really pulled it off, but Brom sure has. I loved it. It hooked me and I couldn't put it down. Plus, the illustrations are amazing." (Mike Mignola, creator of *Hellboy* on KRAMPUS)

"Filled with action, fans will wonder whether Jesse joined the wrong side as increasingly it appears to him that Santa is evil. Fans will relish the Yule Lord 'is coming to town.'" (SFRevu on KRAMPUS)

"[A] rollicking, non-stop, action-filled, violent and yet touching story." (Examiner.com on KRAMPUS)

#### From the Back Cover

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