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Subject: Re: Yet another Xanth novel

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"Crewel Lye" is as good as many of the Xanth novels, and better than the last couple. But it's certainly not more than a "light read".

"BTW, does anyone find the Xanth novels sexist? I do."

In this respect, "Crewel Lye" has a refreshing twist. Anthony introduces one his biggest, dumbest, "all-male" heroes yet, then brings on another luscious female ... then, through the evil magic of a foe, they switch bodies and start raising their consciousnesses. I liked it.

On the other hand, my wife finds it to be offensively sexist. So if the earlier Xanth books really bothered you, this one probably will, too.

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The women characters are (almost) always of the pretty, buxom, not-too-bright

type, who loved nothing more than to show off their legs or

to look for husbands. (Princess Irene is a prime example)

The comparison between women and nymphs is also rather degrading

to the female sex.

However, there is very little sexism in the other Piers Anthony novels,

so I wonder whether he did it tongue-in-cheek or not?

Henry Chai

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