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## Book Review

# Scarlett Hart: Monster Hunter

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### Illustrator

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### Rating

Dependable

### Level

Intermediate

### Pages

192

### Year

2018

### ISBN

9781626720268

### Publisher

First Second

Scarlett Hart is a little underage to become a monster hunter, but that doesn't stop her from going with her loyal butler, Napoleon White, to catch her own monsters. Her plans are foiled time after time, though, as Count Stankovic arrives at each scene just in time to steal her kill. He doesn't stop there, but even turns her in for underage monster hunting, something that can cause her to lose her home and everything her parents left her. Scarlett Hart is determined to do what is right, even after discovering that someone is creating the monsters that keep appearing. With the help of her friends, Scarlett comes in to save the day with her own tenacity and the inheritance her parents left her with.

Most of the pictures have dark and muted colors (primarily purple, red, and green) which allows certain colors and characters to pop out of the page to create emphasis. There are around six to seven different picture boxes per page. The drawings aren't in high detail, but feel slightly Tim Burton-esque (although this could be attributed to the larger eyes of the protagonist and the darker color scheme). The novel has a darker feel and does deal with some terrifying looking monsters that leap out of the page, but is still appropriate for ten- to fourteen-year-olds. The text is not complicated at all, with some pages having merely five redundant onomatopoeic words and other pages dealing with more text.

\*Contains mild violence.