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Have you ever come across a vain, impetuous little creature called a Mandie, and had to quickly dodge one of her poisonous darts? Or, have you ever imagined having to sing to a fruit to get it to peel open? Perhaps you've bumped into freakishly large, blue men, called Dreads? Yes. I said 'blue'. And maybe the pet you have always wanted is a fluffy purple ball with large bulbous feet? Well with all of that, along with evil Nymphs and blood thirsty Banelorgs - these are things you've only likely experienced if you've had a nice long visit to Lynniah. Corrah's life suddenly and drastically changes with the unexpected and inexplicable death of her loving mother, Lillian. She and her two sisters, Gaela and Stormy, are suddenly thrust into the unknown and sent to live with their mysterious Aunt Rainee, who lives in the seemingly bewitched village, called Lynniah. It was a place that they'd always heard extraordinary tales about, but had never imagined to truly exist. Living in a house that their mother's family had occupied for hundreds of years, they find clues that begin to unlock the startling reality that they are all part of an important magical heritage. A heritage that has been kept secret to save them from a dark and powerful enemy. Corrah has to find a way to battle and balance the onslaughts of loss, young love, and learn to uncover the personal power she has hidden inside her to overcome overwhelming adversity.

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From Reader Review The Enchantress of Linniah for online ebook

Eric Buffington says

The Enchantress of Linniah is a fantasy novel set in times of horse drawn carriages. The book follows three sisters who have recently lost their mother and move in with their aunt. While living with her, they find that the flowers, plants, animals and pretty much everything around them has magic properties.

Their aunt suddenly leaves for an unexpected trip and they are left with a family friend, her two sons, and very little answers as to what kind of world they have entered. When one of the girls is kidnapped, the other two embark on an adventure to bring her back. During this adventure they meet up with unlikely allies, and begin to discover that they have magic powers of their own.

I like reading books that have a solid ending. This book had a good ending. It gave some teasers of things to come, and had some unanswered questions, but it can be read as a stand alone and you feel satisfied. There is definitely some finality to the ending.

I want to start my review by saying how much I love the cover art! It makes you wonder what on earth is inside this book. It is definitely eye catching, and I needed to mention it.

The Enchantress of Linniah begins with an action packed prologue that captured me. I wanted to know more about the characters, the magic, and the world that they lived in.

After the prologue, the book seemed to move pretty slowly and took a while to really hook me. Looking back on the book I think this was probably intentional. There were three sisters, a servant, an aunt, a friend with two sons, and a world filled with different creatures. Bawden slowed the plot down to make time for character development. In the end I was glad that I understood the characters, and had some kind of connection to them because when the plot does pick up, even more characters come into play. If we started full pelt into the adventure I think I would have felt a little lost, like in the Hobbit when you're trying to keep all the dwarfs straight.

I liked the different creatures that were part of the story. It seems like Bawden has an unending source for fun fantasy creatures in her mind. The one downside to this is that I think the girls would have questioned their surroundings more and not been so surprised to find that their aunt was an enchantress after having spent time in Linniah.

One theme that could probably have been played down a bit was the damsel in distress cliché. I know the girls are in a new world, and just discovering their magic, but I would have liked to see them do a little more with their powers, and rely a little less on the men to defend them. I'm hoping that I will see this more in The Journey Into Shadows. On the upside I really did like Danu, probably my favorite character in the book. She did some serious butt kicking!

I'm not a fan of love triangles. In most cases you know who the girl is going to end up picking, so it seems like it would be more romantic, or at least more loyal, if she just picked him right off the bat. Having said that, I know it is a popular theme in YA books so I need to get over it. This particular love triangle is actually pretty interesting. In the end of the book I'm not completely sure who Corrah will end up with, and she hasn't

been stringing either one along with false expectations. So in that way it is actually a nice twist.

Overall this was a good clean fantasy story. It had well developed characters, fun new creatures/plants/foods and a dangerous adventure.

Katie W says

Corrah is a sister who has a surprising destiny in life, yet she isn't at all conceited about it. She's very stubborn, adventurous, and caring. I would love to have her for a sister, although I love the ones I have. I think after the first time that I was hurt, I would be hiding out in my house, but not Corrah. I love a strong character! Gaela and Stormy, the other sisters, are pretty brave, too, especially Stormy. When Corrah unlocks a secret about their recently deceased mother's past, it really effects Stormy, and yet she resists her supposed fate.

I loved learning the secrets, right along with the sisters. The characters in and around Linniah were very creative and interesting. The story left me really wanting to know what was going to happen next, which is definitely a sign of a good story--I kept thinking about it, wondering what could possibly happen next or how in the world the girls would figure things out. This one had a little bit of everything--fantasy, magic, adventure, peril, good and evil, mystery, and yes, even a little bit of romance. This is a talented author to keep an eye on!

Content: Although there were fighting scenes and scary people, this one is definitely clean!

****I received a copy in exchange for an honest review****

Laurie says

First off let me say that I am certainly not in the target demographic for this book. I am a grandma and this book is written primarily for younger readers. I was drawn to read this book because I love "Hobbit type" fantasies with great characters and lots of adventure. This book did not disappoint me. I enjoyed it, and found I actually read it quite a bit slower than is the norm for me because I was captured by the beauty and flow of the words.

There were several times, however; when I became exceedingly irritated with Corrah. She is a stubborn young woman who has suffered a horrendous loss; she loves her sisters and is quite protective of them. Being the eldest, she feels it is her responsibility to keep her family safe. That is admirable, but the way in which she tricks and outright lies to Cybele, a woman who has been exceptionally kind to her, really got my goat. I think this is a generational thing. I am sure I pulled a few shenanigans in my youth, as well, but though I tried to keep an open mind it did irk me. That she was never chastised for her behavior made it even more annoying.

The story teams with a unique cast of characters. I particularly liked Lurdes, the Dread in charge of Stormy, and the theme that sometimes second chances do come along, if we have the courage to accept the opportunity to move forward. I found this book to be beautifully lyrical, magically enthralling, and creatively composed. I am looking forward to the continuing adventures of these young Enchantresses.

This book was provided to me in exchange for my honest review.

Reviewed by Laurie-J

Emma says

This book was awesome! It stayed with me for days, I kept thinking about all the characters. I can't wait for the sequel!

Laura says

Fun read for the young reader. It was full of adventure, reminded me a bit of Fablehaven with the fun characters introduced throughout the story and the forces of good and evil that abound within the story. Thanks to the author for graciously giving me a copy! Great debut! Bravo!

Marianne says

I started to read this book but soon realized that it wasn't really my type of book, and that it was obviously geared to young adults/teens. So I gave the book to my daughters who happily accepted it; one of them has started it already and I'm sure they will both enjoy reading this book.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

This is full of magic, invisible man, full of fantasy creatures some good, some bad and a battle of good and evil. The sisters having lost their mother travel to stay with their Aunt Rainee in Linniah.

They find out that a lot has been hidden from them to keep them safe. The village is bewitched. The butterflies talk to them,

There is even a fruit that you have to sing for it to open for you to eat. The three sisters are close to each other.

It is full of wonder, danger, drama, romance. It weaves together a story that you don't want to put down. Someone is now after them and as they try to solve some problems they learn they are more than they have been told. They have powers.

The characters are rich and have good points and some bad. You want them to rescue their sister and discover their powers.

They travel on horse back to find their sister and rescue her.

Corrah is the oldest sister. She is the first to notice changes.

Stormy learns to talk to animals. She is taken.

Gaela likes guys.

Corrah is rescued from trouble but nobody knows who saved her and where she was for a couple of days.

Aidan, Turan and their mother are guardians and tasked to watch over the three sisters while their Aunt

Rainee leaves to take care of an emergency.

It is a battle of light over darkness and it all starts with simple steps that we choose what side we want to belong to. It is a clean read.

I want to read the next book in the series. Journey into Shadows.

I was given this ebook for the purpose of giving honest review and being part of its virtual blog tour.

Mbondare says

Really enjoyed this book. I had a difficult time putting down the book once I started. It was an easy read, perfect for a read at the end of a busy day. Lovely story about family, doing the right thing, a little romance, good vs. evil, and of course magic. Nice message in the story, would recommend. Bummed that I cannot find the sequel promised at the end of the kindle edition. Must not have been published yet. I am waiting!

Dawn says

I received a free copy of this book for an honest review.

If you like fantasies, you'll like The Enchantress of Lynniah. It is set in a magical world with interesting creatures. It's not only a fantasy but it has romance, mystery, and adventure.

The characters are well developed and each is unique in their own way. The main character, Corrah, is strong and independent. She and her sisters are all quite different but complement each other well.

A.L. Bawden's descriptions are vivid and you almost feel like you're there. The descriptions get quite detailed at times, a little more detailed than I like, but that's my personal preference.

Any fantasy lover should like The Enchantress of Lynniah. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.
