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The amazing conclusion to the DRAGONS OF DELTORA series, full of action, adventure, and magic.

Lief, Barda, and Jasmine have defeated three of the four Sisters left by the evil Shadow Lord to weaken and ultimately defeat Deltora. But now they face their biggest challenge yet -- the Sister of the South, whose power is the most dangerous yet.

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Emma Ruth says

Possibly the greatest ending to a series that ever was.

It's hard to explain my love for this series. Deltora Quest is funny, endearing and smart. All of Rodda's riddles kept me on my toes and thinking. I love most of the characters, and the one's that I don't love, I can appreciate. Everyone seemed to have their own story, no one was overlooked, everything was important.

In this, the final book of the entire series, it's hard not to dive in head first. Everything came to close brilliantly. It's the type of ending that you don't normally see, and certainly the type I wish I did see more of. All the loose ends were tied up, but still left to the imagination.

This book had multiple climaxes, and the first, last battle was epic. It was like the entire series was leading up to this moment (and I suppose in way, it was) and Rodda pulled out all the stop. It was far more life-and-death risky than the other battles.

All the twists and turns had me on the edge of my seat, despite having read the series at least twice before (I forget details). I can't remember how mind blown I was the first time I finished the series, but I'm sure my mind imploded. The Shadow Lord's final curse certainly lived up to expectation.

I was obviously crying by the end, but it was that final paragraph that had me blubbering like the little baby. It perfectly wrapped up the entire series, not just Lief's story as the main character. It's the kind of ending that you appreciate more if you read the series in one giant block, but would probably punch me in the gut even if it took me ten years to read the series. It's sadness mixed with happiness, so you can't be sure what emotion is actually making you cry, but you don't really care and you don't even mind that you're crying.

If it wasn't obvious, Emily Rodda is definitely one of my favourite children's authors (I've haven't read any of her adult stuff, and even if I had I'd probably think of them as having different authors because of the fake names). There's definitely something in this series for everyone. And even if you're like me and struggle through the very first chapter to the point of quitting, don't give up on this series. Wait a couple of years, because this is a story that will stay with you forever, even if you don't realise it. It'll make you think and put wonder in your life.

It may seem like a complicated fantasy series, but the real message is to never give up and always believe in yourself, no matter how deadly the enemy. And I think that's a great message for all kids, and their parents too.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

The Sister of the South (Dragons of Deltora, #4), Emily Rodda

The Sister of the South is a children's fantasy book written by Emily Rodda. The book is the fourth and final book in the Dragons of Deltora series, the third in the Deltora series. It was released in 2005 and is published by Scholastic Press.

After destroying the Sister of the West, Lief, Barda, and Jasmine return to Del, the southernmost point in

Deltora, to find the Sister of the South. They find that someone is poisoning people at the palace, and a bizarre beast attacks them several times. After Josef dies from poison, they discover that an addition to the Palace Chapel was forcibly added by the Chief Advisors, and that this is where the Sister is. Nevets kills the mysterious beast just as the Topaz Dragon arrives to destroy the Sister. It is discovered that Paff, Josef's new assistant, was the Guardian and was poisoning the people and projecting the beast similarly to Kirsten's specter. She kills herself out of grief.

Just as it seems the quest is finished, it turns out that Josef had deduced a terrible secret: the Shadow Lord had a contingency plan. The Sisters' magic, poisoning the land, was also imprisoning a far worse threat: a creature called the Grey Death, a flood of grey liquid that kills everything it touches. Imprisoned at Hira (a.k.a. the City of the Rats), in the center of the land, now it is rising to destroy the land. However, the Shadow Lord did not count on the dragons working together. With the Opal Dragon, Hopian, now awakened, the seven dragons kill four of the seven Ak-Baba and destroy the Grey Death with their fire. The epilogue claims that this victory will be celebrated by a festival called Dragon Night, and that the heroes will marry, have children, and live the rest of their lives peacefully and happily. It is also hinted that the dragons will repopulate.

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Elizabeth says

I consider this series (Deltora Quest, Deltora Shadowlands, Dragons of Deltora) to be THE defining book series of my childhood. Moreso even than Harry Potter, as blasphemous as that is to admit for someone of my generation.

Lief, Barda, and Jasmine were my constant companions through middle school. The books, though about 200 pages each and written for a fifth-grade audience with a plot to match, taught me some of the most valuable life skills I know: how to pay attention, how to problem solve, how to keep calm, and how to kick ass (WWJD - What Would Jasmine Do.)

Ending it so perfectly with the climatic events of Sister of the South was both lovely and rather bittersweet.

Nathan says

Such a satisfying ending. Twists, friendships etc. All accounted for and simply amazing. Loved it.

Aaron says

So bitter-sweet to finally finish all three of these series. They were my favorite as a kid but I had never finished the lot. Even though the three were separate stories and journeys, this book did perfectly to complete the tale. The creativeness of the plot twists in every book along the way would leave me thinking "how did she come up with that!?". I can't wait to re-read them all again and again. Thanks for the memories ❤️?

Sara Kamjou says

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TheOneAndOnlySam says

There's something bittersweet about finishing a book series from your childhood. And this was one of my absolute favourites from primary school, which funny enough I still enjoy immensely today

Khiishii01 says

The ending could have used more. I think Emily Rodda slacked out a bit with the ending. But to me this is my favourite series in the Deltora Quest books.

The suspense keeps you turning the page and it is beautifully written. But DELTORA QUEST FOREVER!

Emily Rodda did amazing on this series ????

Love it!!

Sara says

<https://dunnoowrite.wordpress.com/20...>

Diane says

This was a very satisfying ending to a very long series of increasingly dark installments on a quest from despair to light. Sounds paradoxical. There was always a bit of horror mixed in with the quest from the start, but with each series the books got more complex and darker and darker with more and more horrible things happening and less time spent on the good. My son was genuinely disturbed a few times.

My son also figured out how the final triumph would happen!

This is perhaps better for slightly older children than my son (8) - say, 10/11, so starting the series with Deltora Quest at age 8 or 9 would be best.

Rob says

An exciting ending to a great series. I think this was my favorite of the four Dragons of Deltora books.

Daniel says

they were traveling and then 2 of them fell down and were stuck in a boat that would kill them if they did not do a puzzle and then they took some gold to pay the price then they swam to shore and then got rescued by their friends and went looking for the sister of the south.

that doing new things might be weird and you should do fun things and try to face your fear and to be confident in yourself

the reason I rated this 4 stars is because it was good but some things could have changed and I enjoy this type of books and want to continue the book series because it was 4 stars is just that it was so good I read it over and over again and did not want to go to bed so I recommend this book to those who like medieval and magic type of books so I hope you like the book as much as I did.

Jodi says

BEST. SERIES. EVEEERRRR

Skye says

I was kind of sad to finish this story – after all, it is the very last of the Deltora Quest tales and it completely ties up the tale of Lief, Barda and Jasmine. But it's also nice when an author finishes off such a long series in such a way. It doesn't make you constantly wonder "what happened" and gives everyone their nice, happy, ride off into the sunset future. Yes, they might be kind of cheesy, but I still like the happily ever after endings...

I love how the use of fairy tales throughout the Deltora Quest stories inform the quests that the trio take in their modern days. It was a story that sends them on this final quest, and it ties in beautifully at the end of

this tale to create one, last hurdle. Unless you've read Tales of Deltora, the ending isn't exactly obvious – the entirety of the folktale isn't revealed. But if you have, there is a great hint in there.

Although this is a happy ending, there is a sense of sadness to the finishing of this. Not just because the series is finished, but also because not everyone gets that happily ever after. Although it sounds horrible, I liked the fact that it wasn't so cut and dry – there is a level of complexity in Rodda's storytelling that I completely missed as a child, but thoroughly enjoy as an adult.

Ashlyn says

All the stars in the world. This book is incredible, threads from the previous books you didn't even know were loose are tied up neatly, characters old and new make one final appearance and as always its action packed until the last paragraph.

This is probably my favourite book in the whole series. Lief, Barda and Jasmine have all grown so much and i love love love the dragons. I can't decide which is my favourite so i think its a tie between the topaz and amethyst dragons. That final scene - Dragon Night - is breathtaking. The Shadow Lord is my favourite villain of all time. Consumed by evil everything he does is for the sake of being evil. There's no motivation outside of being greedy and power hungry. And i love it. He's a constant terrible threat and i love that he can only be defeated, not destroyed. He's a truly masterful villain.

You know a series has a special place in your heart when you feel sad to have finished it yet look forward to the inevitable time in the future you'll pick it back up again. Until then, farewell Deltora
