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Lief, Barda, and Jasmine have finally retrieved all the gems of the Belt of Deltora and now, in their final step towards overthrowing the Shadow Lord, they must find the true heir to the kingdom's throne.

## Return to Del Details

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## From Reader Review Return to Del for online ebook

### Parker O'connor says

Return to Del is a very good book. In Every page of this book there is a new twist on the story, and it makes it that much more interesting. It is the best book in the series and is a good way to end the story of Lief and his friends. I was upset with how it ended, but that didn't really effect how great this book is.

This book starts out slow. In the beginning it wasn't that exciting. There wasn't any action, just a buildup to what would happen in the last about 50 pages of the book. Lief figures out who Doom really is and why Jazmine was found in the forest. There is even a huge twist in who he thinks they are now. Lief finds out the history of his parents and why he was picked to find the belt of Deltora. It ends in a cliffhanger, and that is bad decision on part of the author since it's the last Deltora Quest book.

I would recommend the book to younger boys and girls who like fantasy because it was a easy book. There weren't very many hard words. The book was very easy to understand if you read the other books in the series.

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### Frank says

With the prior 7 books so great I must admit I was prepared for a little bit of a let down in this final book. I couldn't see any way she could top there other books. But I was truly surprise and would give this one a six if I could. Emily Rodda did in fact come through with a fabulous ending and one I did not expect. And the suspense was there all the way until the end and the final secret was all it should have been and more. A wonderful read. But be sure not to read this one until all the other seven books have been read. I hope to read this series again.

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### Ahmad Sharabiani says

Return to Del (Deltora Quest #8), Emily Rodda

Return to Del is the eighth and final book of the original series of Deltora Quest written by Emily Rodda. It focuses on how Lief, Jasmine, and Barda must return to Del to give the completed Belt to Adin's heir to banish the Shadow Lord from their land.

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### Rita Mariani says

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## **Regina says**

How many fucking times can you get an answer wrong? I bet not as many times as the people in this book got the identity of the heir wrong! And where is my giant mech suit? In the anime the belt created a giant human shaped mech suit and the shiny human thing and the Shadow Lord wrestled. (check it on youtube if you don't believe me)

But overall, it was a good finish for the series. It was a really frustrating ending but I was kind of happy at the end. Everything paid off, we had a few fairy tale twists and the Shadow Lord is vanquished for now. I cannot wait to decide how they will come to the conclusion that the best thing to be done is to chase after it.... Idiots.

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## **CodeBlue says**

I forgot a lot of this book from when I was a kid. I remembered there was a bizarre twist, and had suspicions of the twist, but I was not certain until it happened. And even then I was doubting myself. I remembered that there was a secret to the belt but could not be the actual secret. I am not sure if this speaks to the memorability of this particular book or not. However, having read the book now and reflecting on that the book does a good job of closing most if not all loose ends. The major confusion (for me at least) was that the book pulls on people, knowledge, and information from the rest of the books in the series so there were times where I had to remind myself who an individual or what something that occurred was as I had forgotten the specifics of them. All of this leads to the neat little bow that concludes the story arc, but a little more contextual information would help the reader recall, especially from the books in the beginning of the series. Overall, I would still recommend the book and enjoyed reading it.

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## **Literary Strawberry says**

ALLLL THE PLOT TWISTS

No regrets about re-reading this. Deltora has a special place in my heart. I don't care what anyone says, ten-year-old-me had pretty great taste in books.

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## **Emmy says**

Wow! What an amazing story! This was so much better than I had ever expected it to be. Action, adventure, friendship, danger, and tons of surprises!

There are so many moments throughout the entire series where you find yourself in complete and utter shock. Either there was an amazing plot twist, or something happens that makes you wonder if this book is really appropriate for kids. Ms. Rodda does not pull any punches! But, at the same time, this is a perfect series! If you want kids to fall in love with fantasy, you have to start them off with books like this. They're good stories, and yet so much more. I don't read a lot of fantasy, but I can't stop gushing over how much I loved these!

### **Diane says**

What a wonderful conclusion to a fantastic series. The final 6 chapters or so were filled with so many reveals and were so exciting that my son didn't let me stop reading. And since I wasn't disinclined we read the last 50 pages or so in a rush of anticipation.

A very satisfying conclusion. Highly recommended for readers of all ages, although occasionally I thought "ooh this is a little brutal for my 7 year old". But what I want to say is that younger kids can enjoy it together with their parents, if they don't scare easily. Older kids will enjoy it immensely, and adults (me!) can also enjoy its cleverness and action-packed originality.

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### **Jason says**

I enjoyed the series and gave this one the highest ranking because I felt like in towards the end the author started making things a little more fun with a few surprises. This whole series was a great read to be done with a son or daughter who enjoys fantasy. Nothing too dark, nothing too scary. Just entertaining.

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### **Sarah says**

this is one of my favs ^^

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### **Ashley kreger says**

this book must have been my favorite out of this series it was so exciting they have all the jewels and the shadow lord has just completely taken over but they save the day when they get the jewels in the right order and put it on the true king

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### **Ogii says**

Big plot twists in this one! Very captivating and amazing! Creative and the descriptions were done very well! Loved it!

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### **Danielle says**

I love being able to go back to this series every couple of years and enjoy it as much as I did the first time. Wonderful series and one I'll keep rereading for a long time!

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L, T, O, R, A... with the first letter of each stone. Upon rearranging the stones as appropriate, and having a few issues with being attacked, Leif puts the belt around his waist to make it easier to take to Jasmine... and then unleashes the spell, revealing to all that it was HE who was the heir to Deltora all along.

There was just SO MUCH that happened in this, and I am so in awe of how much Emily Rodda can put into a short novel, and how many slight things can truly be put into books that really are only slightly bigger than novellas. There's just so much that happens and just... wow. I really did LOVE the way that all of this was concluded, and how there was just so much uncertainty over who was the heir, why the belt wasn't working, what still needed to be done, etc. It really did bring together just so many people from so many different places and it was just really really great.

4.5 / 5 for me c:

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### Tim says

WELL, now! A fitting end to a fun romp, for kids AND adults. This one is filled with surprise after surprise, the clues to which were there all along. The True Heir of Deltora is finally identified (nope, not givin' the name away, wouldn't be prudent, not at this juncture), several characters are not, or perhaps more than, who they may appear, and all this wrapped in a coming together of the Tribes and fights with bad guys and the Big Bad Guy (the Shadow Lord, of COURSE!) In contrast to all the other Deltora Quest books, this one gets Four, rather than Three, stars, because of how it gets wrapped up, kept me happily going on. A good time, definitely recommend the series.

OK, on to the "Artemus Fowl" series!

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### Armin Khodadadi says

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### Skye says

This is a fantastic conclusion to the first of the Deltora Quests. The gems have all been restored, but the trio still have to find out where the heir to the crown has been hiding. The path to finding the unknown child is filled with tricks and treachery from the Shadow Lord. Every step feels as though Lief, Barda and Jasmine have taken one further step into the web of deception that has been spun.

I love the fact that the truth of the heir is under the trio's noses the entire time. The best place to hide something is in plain sight, and Endon and Sharn made sure that they did this. The surprise heir and ending finishes off the quest for Deltora. But, it makes you feel like there is more to tell. The trio and their friends may have caused the Shadow Lord to flee from Deltora, but he is by no means done with the country.

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## **Mstmoments says**

This story is captivating in its narrative imagery. Difficult to put down and raced off to read the next one in the series. I couldn't put them down until I read them all! WHAT A GREAT ENDING- I was holding my breath!

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