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At thirteen years old Tom and Emily Man had long since given up believing their Grandfathers stories of the magical land of Amaranth. If you were to ask them if they believed in witches, wizards and friendly trolls they'd both say "no". They definitely wouldn't believe in the most terrible and horrifying of all demons, even if he was mentioned in ancient manuscripts in their own world. And if you were to then throw kidnapping, stolen paintings, bloody battles and even a spot of big green romance into the mix and tell them they'd be involved in it all, they'd begin to think you an idiot, and Emily might even tell you as much.

Ironically, as thirteen was the age of magical maturity, it was when they'd finally get to visit Amaranth - but they didn't believe. Luckily, getting to Amaranth involves being flung over the edge of a very high and very steep waterfall and believing has absolutely nothing to do with it. You can't help but believe when you're there. When you see it for yourself you believe everything.

Amaranth Details

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Michelle says

I really struggled with this book. I'm not sure the book was edited. At times, it was like reading a story by some of my 10 year old students. Four separate thoughts crammed between one capital letter and period. Also some English-language quirks made reading rough at times. Then towards the end, the author gets two characters mixed up. The characters were not all that memorable. The story never engaged me enough to cause me to think about the story unless the story was right in front of me. I did make it to the end of the book (after many more days than it should have taken), hence the two stars. But I honestly could not recommend reading this to anyone.

Natasha says

Ok so I won this in a giveaway, so a thank you to good reads and the Author is in order!

Anya Mackay says

This is the kind of book I felt like reading under the duvet with a torch. I struggled to put it down and caught myself a few nights not being able to sleep because I wanted to turn the light back on and see what happened next.

I agree with a lot of the other reviews that it's better than Potter. It reminded me of a lot of the Wolfgang and Heike Hohlbein books I used to devour as a child/ teenager.

The book certainly has potential for a sequel or a movie.
The last page made me smile.

The only thing that slightly confused me (and I re read it a few times) was page 226 where the story suddenly seems to have been written from Emily's point of view instead of Mortia's.

Nonetheless a 5 star read in my opinion.
Thanks again to John Kellet for coming up with a future classic. I was delighted when I won my copy in the Goodreads first-reads giveaway.

Jonathan Edward says

A very good children's book. A bit irksome and very clear that it was self published: words spelled

incorrectly, a plot that doesn't line up half the time and an ignorance of detail which brought this book from a very real potential masterpiece down to just another simple child's story. If you are looking for some "lazy fantasy" to read as you search for some other books to read, this is good filler.

Hayley says

I got this book through a giveaway, and I am so happy I won! This book was AMAZING!! Every page gave me something to turn over to the next one. I found the words and understanding of it perfect to read without having to think hard about what I was reading- which I hate. I fell in love with the characters and when ever something bad happened to one, I would panic and have a need, like a sibling or parent to see what would happen to them! It was an awesome book, I'm glad I entered the giveaway and I will be reading it again! Anyone who enjoys mystery and fantasy should read this book for sure!! Thanks John Kellett!! :D:D

Paddy O'callaghan says

Definitely Better than Potter. In fact, If amaranth came first, I'd say Potter was its travesty. Thanks Very Much John Kellett.

Kathy Horsman says

Review: Amaranth by John Kellett I'm finding it difficult to review this book to be honest. On one hand it was very cute and the story was very adventurous. On the other, it was so simple that it lacked any sort of originality or flare. I think that's where I'm struggling. I've heard this story before. Yes you have two children who listen to their grandfather's stories and think everything's made up until they find out it's all real and they can go to this far away land.... Heard it before....more than once. The characters where the same two brother and sister pair you always hear about in a fairy tale (i.e Hansel and Gretel/Jack and Jill/ etc etc) There just wasn't anything new to keep my interest in the story, but it was a fun tale that had potential to be great. I also had a problem understanding the literal words. Normally I wouldn't comment on something like this but I just found myself not understanding some sentences and other times realizing that words were missing or just plain wrong. In other words, it interfered with me reading the book so I just have to say it.

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Jo says

I received this book via a First Reads giveaway, and passed it on to my teenage son to read.

He's told me part of the plot, and it's obviously kept him hooked. His rating is 5/5, and so mine is too, as it's great to find a book that so obviously appeals to his age group and which has kept his interest throughout.
