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How would you react if you found out you were a dragon?

Not just any dragon-the one who was fated to save all that was deemed true.

On his 18th birthday, Cole's once humdrum life spirals into an uncontrollable battle for life or death. First, he learns that his family isn't really his own and his birth parents are actually dragons. With that legacy comes a special calling; devoting an eternity to protecting all true beings from creatures bent on controlling the Earth and bringing an end to dragons.

As the newly-minted Prince of Ochana, Cole is also the Keeper of Dragons and his first task is to keep the nefarious farro-fallen fairies-at bay. With no formal training, no control of his mahier-dragon magic, and fear like he's never experienced before, will Cole be able to reach outside of his human side and embrace his destiny in time to defeat the farros?

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Elizabetta Holcomb says

I've been reading droves of YA lately. The dystopian worlds, retelling of fairy tales, I like them all! This story, however, is something new and fresh. Its a fabulous change from the regular YA material out there. It's a fantasy world created by the author as bedtime stories for her children. Guys; she had me at bedtime stories. Really. This story is so original and light. It's a coming of age for a prince, Colton. But it's also a sweet story of a friendship. Colton and Eva have a big destiny. I don't want to spoil it for you! It's got dragons, magic, fairies, beast, and worlds hidden in the sky. Did I mention dragons????

A great story that I'm passing onto my daughter who loves all things magical. Well written and unique. Great debut novel!

Ellie Midwood says

A wonderful story for the young-adult readers! It's full of adventure, remarkable characters, dangerous quests, and of course love and friendship. In "The Keeper of Dragons" we follow the story of an ordinary teenager Cole, who finds himself in more than extraordinary circumstances. On his eighteenth birthday his parents reveal a secret to the boy that will change his life forever...

The author did an amazing job in setting the world of Ochana with its inhabitants – dragons; I could picture everything clearly in my mind as I was turning pages. Also, what I really enjoyed was that the main character Cole is so easy to associate with and understand his inner struggle as he learns of his destiny, his doubts and fears concerning his new family and kin, and also his personal growth as he learns to stand up to his enemies to protect his land.

It really is a beautiful story, which I didn't want to end. I am eagerly awaiting the sequel now!

Lena says

I sometimes read fantasy, when I'm in the mood for it, but the same one thing usually turns me off this kind of book--flat characters. So it was such a relief to start this and get right into Cole's head. There is lots of action and adventure, don't get me wrong. But what I really liked about this book, and I guess all good books, is that I could really "get" the main character. It wasn't another breakneck speed fantasy with paper cutouts for characters. It manages a good pace while also letting you get to know the guy you're rooting for. Recommended!

Kristin Dutt says

This is a great YA friendly novel. Plus it's about dragons! Who wouldn't love to learn there a dragon. That alone should make you want to read this book :)

This is for sure a fun fantasy read and wanting to read straight through as we learn about Cole and how his life is about to be a whole new adventure for him. This book has plenty adventure and is well fleshed out to really feel like your there. I loved reading about the faeries and how there not so nice. A fun great ride

indeed. The next installment I can only imagine will be just as great.

Dermot Davis says

Imagine reaching your 18th birthday and being told that the parents you've been living with are not your biological parents at all? To top it off, imagine being told that your real parents were actually a pair of dragons? Yes, that means that you are, in fact, a dragon. This is precisely what our hero Cole is being surprised with a few days before his birthday and not only that but he also is a Prince of the dragon realm and as such is being charged with the duty of being the Keeper of Dragons which basically means defending all dragons against a fallen tribe of faeries that are intent on their destruction. No pressure.

Jenn says

One great read!

Thus book kept me hooked to the end! Thought I had it all figured, but not so fast! Can wait for the next book!!!

Teri says

I love Dragons so I was excited to read this Dragon shifter book and was not disappointed. Cole and Eva are two halves of a whole in their human forms so it's not surprising that the two of the end up as partners as The Keepers of the Dragons. I love the way Cole goes from being awkward to being a true Prince, the story watching as everyone continued to remind him and reinforce giving him the guidance and confidence he needed. Eva is accepted for who she is and stands strong in her belief in him along with his parents and warriors. A great story with strong characters I highly recommend.

Robyn Carioti says

The Keeper of Dragons, The Prince Returns was delivered to my phone on June 21st and I have already finished it. The story J.A. Culican wrote was absolutely captivating. I didn't want to stop reading it! This book did everything a fantasy novel should. I was able to form vivid images of what each character looked like and I truly felt like I was living the story with them! I am thrilled to see this is only Volume 1 because I don't want to say goodbye to these characters yet!

Leigh says

This was such a fun and easy read! It's the perfect length that I was able to devour it in a single afternoon. And, since I'm down with a bit of a bug right now, I had a whole afternoon I was itching to fill! I know that the fourth book in this series is coming out soon, and so I was very eager to read the whole series, I decided to re-read this first book and read the whole series in a row. Kind of like binge-watching a favorite TV show,

only reading!

Eva was not in this book a ton, but I already adore her. I know that I could easily read about her for days and days. And Cole is everything I think a suddenly-royal, gangly teenager should be. He has such an admirable relationship with his adoptive parents, and it's clear that that empathy is going to stand him in good stead throughout his newfound life with DRAGONS.

I can only imagine what a whirlwind I would be in if I was notified that I was adopted, and a royal next in line for the throne, oh, and also a dragon - all in the span of about 48 hours. I feel like this book completely captures everything that Cole is feeling and writes him as appropriately off-kilter throughout. Not only does he have all of these shocks, but he's also surprisingly powerful - why? And an unusual color? Nothing like standing out like a sore thumb among people you didn't know existed but now are supposed to rule to make a teenager feel like their worst nightmares of humiliation have all come true! As he stumbles along, he keeps a surprisingly open mind and is exceedingly humble. I think that may be my favorite aspect of his character.

The only thing that held me back in this story is that it was over so quickly! The whole time period is less than a week from introduction to Cole to reveal of his true parentage and culture, to the appearance of an enemy, to the vanquishing of that enemy. And, as I said, I was able to finish this entire story in an afternoon. I wanted to keep reading. I would have happily curled up with these characters for hours and hours more - which is why I'm glad it's an entire series!

There is so much to love about this storyline and the characters in it. Sila, for instance, is a clearly very powerful woman, who is also very calming. I think of her as a deep, jade pool, perfect for meditation and enlightenment.

Eva, as I said, is a character I cannot wait to see more of. She is sharp-witted, fierce, courageous, and naturally graceful. She is clearly a link between humans and dragons in the story, and she is so exquisitely written that I feel she is a connection between me and dragons, as well.

But probably my favorite of all is Jericho. Middle-aged at only 500 years old, he initially seems to be a potential threat to Cole. That quickly is replaced by the understanding that he is simply a fierce protector of his people, and has a tragic reason for being so dedicated to his duties. He pushes Cole, and the reader immediately gets the understanding that it is Jericho who will be a primary source of Cole's eventual greatness. I almost hope that Jericho gets his own set of books sometime in the future!

I'm so excited to start the next book and will happily share all my thoughts with you when I finish it!

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Tonja Drecker says

Well kept secrets mix with dragons and a hidden, magical world to form a fast-paced yet gentler adventure.

Cole is about to turn eighteen, graduate from high school and still has no clue what he's going to do next. Two days before his birthday, his parents drop a bombshell on him—he's not really their child. When his 'real' parents show up and turn into dragons, he can barely wrap his head around it. But that's only the

beginning. His destiny is calling, and it requires more from him than he think he'll ever be able to give.

This is fantasy pure. It starts out in an every day town in the US, but quickly lets the magic and imagination flow. Cole tries to understand what's going on around him, but everything happens so fast, that it's hard for him to keep up. His confusion is understandable, and even though he's hesitant, he still is brave enough to take the leaps. It's nice to see a hero who has power but is down to earth enough not to control it or even accept it right away. He remains skeptical the whole way through, and simply swallows things as they come.

Boring is not a word to describe this tale. Cole hits one situation after the other and goes up against emotional as well as physical obstacles. The fantasy unfolds as rolling waves, always exposing a bit more as the chapters go on. The world building is well done and easy to all into. Although the dragon realm itself doesn't really come to life in this first book—much of this tale happens indoors and around the castle—there's enough to get caught up into the story.

The action starts out calm and grows with every passing chapter. The first chapters allow Cole to make the mysterious discovery and slide into the new reality. The information comes at a steady pace, but is dropped a little too quick from the adoptive parents. This and other spots later on, put distance between the tale and the reader, making it hard to connect to the characters and story at times. While at other times, it was easy to get lost in the adventure. There's a later friendship, which hints at romance, but little depth and history is given to the heroine, leaving her hard to grasp. But it looks like later in the series, this will turn around.

Although this book is a solid Young Adult read, it holds distance to more aggressive scenes which are usually found in such plots. Cole does have to go up against some pretty nasty enemies, but the battle isn't harsh. The way he wins is unique and a fresh breeze compared to huge fight scenes, which more gentle readers will appreciate it. For more adventurous fantasy fans, it's a bit anti-climatic and misses the journey for the hero to reach that point.

All in all, this is a read fantasy fans will enjoy. The dragons, magic and adventure keep the pages turning are invite for more. It is more gentle on the battle end and offers an alternative way to go at the battles, which will be appreciated by some readers more than others. In any case, it's a great beginning for an interesting world and worth a read.

I received a complimentary copy and enjoyed the adventure enough to want to leave my honest thoughts.

Meredith Hillenbrand says

Enjoyable Read

I'm giving this book 3.5 Stars! I really wanted to give it 4 stars, but couldn't for several reasons.

1. The book needed another pass through an editor.
2. The characters needed to be fleshed out better.
3. All things "dragon" could have been described better.
4. The ending was so quick, it was a little disappointing.

Please note, that this writer has great potential. Her ideas alone hooked me. Even with the problems, I would like to read book #2. There is action, twists that I did not see coming, and it is a clean read. There were many times when I felt I was a part of the story. I was given this book for free by the author, and it is my choice to

post this review.

Kristy Cooper says

J. A. Cullican's debut fantasy novel was a fast and fantastic read. Her world-building was interesting and detailed. I really liked the concept of mahier and how it fit into the dragon universe, young Coleton suddenly enters upon turning 18 years old when his real parents came to pick him up and bring him to Ochana. There he learns of the four different dragon groups: Galian (blue dragons) who are the guardians and nurturers, Seins (silver dragons) who are the workers, Wolands (red dragons) who are the warriors and Leslos (green dragons) who are the rulers and the rarest breed. Although, in his new home, Coleton can't even figure out how to open the doors, he is taked with the seemingly impossible job of helping lead the dragons into a dangerous battle with the farro.

This is the beginning of a great YA fantasy series that I think would also be appealing to middle grade readers as well.

Lesia Vargas says

I absolutely loved this book. Cole turned 18 and his world turned upside down. He finds out his parents are dragons and he is now The Keeper of Dragons. Wonderful creatures, like faires and the dragons are beyond beautiful. Wait until you see the beautiful Gold dragon, she is very special to Cole. I told my 15 year old granddaughter to read this book because it is fabulous and she loves dragons , like her Mimi. 5***** read.

Jodie "Bookish" Cook says

Book Review

Title: The Keeper of Dragons: The Prince Returns

Author: J. A Culican

Genre: YA/Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Rating: *****

Review: The prologue which opens this novel was very intriguing, we meet Cole our protagonist struggling to find a job after high school and other teenage problems. His life is turned upside down when his parents tell him he is adopted and his real parents will be taking him back on his 18th birthday only a few days away. This opening scene is extremely mysterious and I could wait to move on. The next day as Cole's real parents are set to arrive and take him away, he is confused and devastated so are his adoptive parents and it is heart-wrenching as he asks to stay and his parents tell him it is best if he goes with his real parents, while this scene is great it does have a ominous feel to it. As the time draws closer things take an ever stranger turn. When his parents arrive Cole only has a few moments before he has to leave and despite his defiance somewhere within himself he knows he has to go with them whether he wants to or not. Cole's real parents Rylan and Sila tell him they are taking him to Ochana which he has never heard of, they also tell him they are Leslos which are a type of dragon and Cole's reaction to this is interesting. Rather than being afraid of them he is more afraid of disappointing them as he has always been average and never amounted to much. As we cross the 1/4 mark in the novel the first challenge given to Cole is to connect with his dragon and possibly shift into it as well as this is the only way he can enter Ochana. Cole is very doubtful about whether he can do this but as his parents mentioned he is very strong, so I think he just might surprise himself. Just as

I suspected Cole does find his dragon and him and his parents continue on the final leg of their journey to Ochana where they are greeted by the Council. It turns out Cole is a prince and his dragon doesn't fit with the four founding dragon types: Woland, Leslo, Galian and Sein but remarkably he has traits of all four which is extremely rare. Cole also begins to learn about his heritage and the history of dragons which I found to remarkably interesting and extremely well thought out. Before Cole can even grasp how things work in Ochana and how he is supposed to be training he is thrown into chaos as there has been a breach and the royals are taken to safe places separately in order to preserve the royal bloodline.

As we approach the half way point in the novel, the breach of Ochana is troubling everyone especially since one of the dragons that caused the breach Cairo is supposed to be loyal. One very troubling thing was the dramon he brought with him; it possessed mahier which has never been seen before and after this Cole as the Prince isn't to be left alone at all just in case they try and attack him. As we cross the half way mark Cole believe the dramon girl is his best friend and he leads Jericho and a team to an abandoned cabin where they used to send a lot of time together. I am starting to like Jericho a lot more as a character as he is only trying to teach Cole the skills he will need to survive in Ochana and rather than treating him as something special, he treats him like he treats everyone else which I think Cole appreciates. Cairo believes Eva is something out of a prophecy made and that Cole may be involved in this as well but everything is a bit suspicious and mysterious right now. As we approach the 3/4 mark in the novel we learn of the Keeper of Dragons Prophecy and the roles Cole and Eva will play in the future of all dragons. The lives of all; dragon and human alike now fall to Eva and Cole to protect and their first challenge is defeating the farro threat that now looms upon Ochana.

As we cross over into the final section of the novel, Cole and Eva begin to learn more about the farros - the creatures they will be facing, apparently they are descendent from fairies. Cole and Eva along with a team of Wolans head to meet with the farros but all sense that this could possibly be a trap and with only 20 pages left in novel I can wait to see have it ends and start on the sequel very soon. As I predicted the meeting at Farro Grove doesn't go according to plan but the farros underestimated the loyalty of dragons and the power of the Keeper of Dragons, these things combined give the dragons an advantage. The last 10 pages of this novel were outstanding with the farro mission a success the dragon return to Ochana and begin discussing the possibility of war with many other dark creatures. This however is pushed aside in the final chapter as we watch Cole officially claim his place of Prince of Ochana with Eva right by his side. I have a feeling a romantic relationship may develop between these two at some point and I can't wait to get stuck into the second book straight away.

Seraphia says

Return of the Prince is book one in J.A. Culican's The Keeper of Dragons series. In this book we are introduced to Cole. Cole believes himself to just be an average teenage boy trying to plan his life after high school. He's feeling down because his prospects have been low if non-existent. All of his other friends and classmates have already moved on with finding colleges to attend or jobs to work. Cole's world is about turn upside down though. When his parents come and tell him that he was "adopted" by them as a baby, everything changes for him. They tell him that he will get the rest of the answers soon when his REAL parents come to collect him. Cole is thrown for a loop. He's scared, conflicted, and hurt. When the ones claiming to be his parents arrive, Cole feels himself reacting in a strange way to them. He still has no answers, but he feels different than before. Despite his heart wishing to cling to the only parents he has ever know, Cole leaves with the ones who have come to collect him. It doesn't take long for Cole to learn that not only is he himself a dragon, but a Prince as well. What's more is that war is coming to the dragons, and he must prepare to fight as he and another will be the salvation of not just the dragons but the humans as well. Return of the Prince is an engaging YA fantasy novel from start to finish. Cole is an interesting character. He comes off as mediocre because he immediately indicates that there was never really anything special about him. He was an average kid at school, got average grades, and never was really the center of attention. I

enjoyed reading along as he learns about who he really is and strives to become stronger. I honestly like that he doesn't sit around and complain about the things that are going on. I was worried that when things starting getting weird, or when it came to something that he didn't understand that he would balk and have a fit. I was glad to see this was not the case. I like the twists and surprises that the author throws into the book as well. There are a couple of predictable elements, but it's nothing that is that bad in my opinion.

I need to see if there has been an update for this book, because in the version I have there are a few editorial errors. They aren't anything major to throw the story off, but they do catch the eye. Other than that there really isn't anything that I didn't like about this book. The author does an amazing job sticking with the main story, and giving us some side storylines as well.

I am rating this book 5 out of 5 stars. This is an easy, enjoyable story that will engage the reader throughout. I'm looking forward to the next book in this series. If you are a fan of fantasy novels, love dragons, and other fantasy creatures then this is a book to pick up and dive into. I'm sure you'll enjoy
