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the puzzle the narration really got me into it and made me super excited to solve it. It was a good puzzle. And a good trick.

What weakens this story for me is that the first half felt slow. Lots of establishing going on: a set-up for the payoff with Dain (which i remembered during this book and wow I should have seen it coming the first time), it gives a bit more backstory on Doom and also spends quite the time on Tora and its citizens. But the second half is so good, that I can forgive it. Also, the narration is brilliant as ever so that carries it as well.

Makzeta says

Very exciting, containing puzzles.

Mohadese says

there are Interesting puzzles in this book and actually in these books, which involves readers mind and make it more and more interesting!

Winter says

loved it just another one in the series with more challenges they have to face loved it one of the best by far

Marchel says

Cerita ketujuh tentang petualangan Lief, Barda, dan Jasmine dalam pencarian ke 7 permata yg direbut dan disebarkan Raja Bayangan ke seluruh penjuru Deltora.

Sudah 6 permata yg direbut dan ditemukan kembali:

- 1.Topaz, lambang kepercayaan, punya kekuatan untuk berhubungan dengan dunia roh dan menjernihkan pikiran.
2. Ruby, lambang kebahagiaan, memudar warnanya jika ada bahaya mengancam, dapat menangkal roh jahat, dan penawar racun ular.
3. Opal, lambang harapan, memberikan kilasan masa depan.
4. Lapis Lazuli, batuan surga, jimat yang ampuh.
5. Emerald, lambang kepercayaan, bilang kilaunya menghilang berarti ada penghianatan yg terjadi.
6. Amethyst, simbol kejujuran, menenangkan dan melegakan hati.

Tinggal 1 permata lagi. Diamond yang termasyur, simbol kepolosan, kemurnian, dan kekuatan. Diamond yg didapatkan dengan terhormat, dan dengan hati tulus merupakan sumber kebaikan yang sangat hebat. Tapi jika didapatkan dengan penghianatan atau kekerasan, atau hasrat yang ditimbulkan oleh iri hati atau tamak, adalah karma buruk, dan membawa peruntungan yang buruk.....

Buku yang penuh teka-teki.

Penjaga Diamond, Sang Guardian, memiliki 4 monster yang memiliki nama yang mencerminkan sifat buruk,

tapi tak satu pun yg bertingkah laku sesuai namanya. Greed tidak serakah, Pride tidak sombong, Envy tidak iri, dan Hate sama sekali tidak pernah membenci selama hidupnya.

Dan Guardian meminta permainan menebak namanya.

Nama rahasiaku menanti di dalam

Yang pertama, adalah dosa besar Pride yang pertama

Yang kedua dan yang terakhir dimulai dengan kesalahan dalam si kembar

Yang ketiga dimulai dengan kilau terang..Apa itu harta karun murni? Ataupun sumber cahaya?

Yang keempat, jumlah kebahagiaan bagi mereka yang mencoba menebak namaku

Wew, hard job for Lief, Barda, dan Jasmine.

Noemí Muñoz says

Otro de mis libros favoritos de la colección Deltora. ? Me encantan las pruebas de ingenio del guardián y cómo el personaje de Doom se va haciendo cada vez más importante

Col says

Great read, and makes up for the severe lack of puzzles in the previous book. Had a lot of fun with this one as a kid. Good spooky atmosphere for the valley, and more Doom backstory.

CodeBlue says

Unlike the previous book in the series, this book feels like it wastes no time in getting started and bringing the action to the reader. The only dull moment is the uneventful time period when they leave Tora and head to the Forests where the next gem is suspected to be located. From this point on I had a really hard time putting the book down. The guardian is so intriguing, and the puzzle is a brain-teaser. It is a little disappointing that someone the heroes know solved the riddle first but refused to let them know in advance. I guess each must solve it for their own.

Natalie says

I'm fairly certain that as a kid this was my favourite of the Deltora Quest books. Back then I loved the change from fighting the monsters with brute force or trickery, to fighting the monster using logic and reason and completing riddles.

This novel started with the aftermath of the last one (as they all do really), with Leif, Barda and Jasmine attempting to go to the Valley of the Lost, and trying to stay in hiding and away from any Ols that might try to kill them. After realising that they can't cross the river via bridge thanks to a herd of goats (...who are Ols) they realise that instead they need a boat and start going in the other direction in the hopes of getting one from a nearby town. Lo and behold, who do they come across? The pirates from the last book... and a rather

handy dingy. After travelling across the river and heading towards the pirate's ship, they are able to meet up with Dain and Chett (a polyphan, basically a thieving monkey-like creature) who have escaped from captivity - but not the boat. Because the river is (if you remember) filled with carnivorous giant worms. They manage to get Dain and Chett, but then the waters unfortunately get too strong and they end up losing oars (and Chett leaps off the boat leaving them to it as well) and get swept away... to Tora; a place they'd been meaning to visit for a while as a potential host of allies, and also the potential home of the heir to Deltora (who they kinda need if the belt is to work).

After finding Tora empty (due to a broken magical vow, and the aftereffects from this) the team meet up with Doom and Neridah before again splitting and heading off again (Doom and Dain to who knows where, and Neridah with out team to the Valley of the Lost to get the diamond). Leif and co aren't too happy having Neridah tag along, because they don't really trust her (which, fair. she hasn't been through the previous six books with them :P) and attempt to leave her behind when they enter the valley, but with no luck. All four are captured by the guardian and given the choice - leave peacefully, or try his game to earn the diamond. If they lose, they become one of the ghostly beings that keep the guardian company, but if they win they get the last gem for the belt - bit of a no-brainer at this stage really.

After much difficulty, the team defeat the riddle and learn the name of the Guardian as a result - "Endon" - the same name as the former king, who left after the fall of Del and the loss of the belt. While heartbroken, they decide to take the gem and continue on their quest... only to realise that while the gem they were promised WAS initially the gem from the belt, it has since been switched out; because the gem was stolen by Neridah while they were attempting to get it legitimately through the solving of the riddle.

Diamonds gained by treachery or violence, or desired out of envy or greed, are ill omens, and bring bad fortune. Great evil comes upon those who gain them without honour

Unfortunately, Neridah wasn't aware of the fine print in regards to the diamond, and died shortly after stealing it (bit of "bad fortune" there), but as Leif and co managed to earn it, they are able to take the diamond with no ill effects... thus completing the belt and TRULY defeating the guardian. By doing so, they release the man that the guardian once was back to the present and also release all the "lost" in the valley, who turn out to be the missing Torans (tada!).

And thus, the book ends with just one more thing to do really.. Return to Del.

Heather says

The Valley of the Lost is the second to last book in the Deltora Quest series. There are two very unexpected twists that make it quite exciting. I highly recommend this book and all the other books in the Deltora Quest series.

Arghavan says

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Taylor Elise says

These books are living up to their nostalgic value for me. I especially enjoyed this one, the quest for the last gem.

Scott says

Nice mix of mystery and adventure...not as predictable as some of the Deltora books (and really, all have at least a few surprises).
