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On Ekata, a utopian world where violence is unthinkable, Asher has been plagued with visions of death and darkness since childhood. On his eighteenth birthday he is confronted with a life-changing prophecy which tells of a threat not only to his world, but to Earth as well.

Alexis has always felt she doesn't belong. When an extraordinary stranger appears on her doorstep, it raises more questions than answers. If everything she thought she knew about herself was a lie, who is the real Alexis? And how could she possibly be part of an ancient prophecy?

Through startling transformation and grief, the pair defy all expectations. But when everything changes, can Asher's humanity survive? The fate of both worlds may depend upon it.

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Marie -The Reading Otter says

Review:

1.5 stars

I received this book from NetGally for review.

So, this book was quite boring.

I knew it was going to be for me on the first page. I couldn't connect to the MC, Asher, at all. And by the time we meet the other person who has a POV in this book I didn't really care about her story that much either.

This book has a really slow pace, and the characters are pretty boring in my opinion.

The world building was confusing at best, yet I don't know how much that has to do with me not being able to connect to any of the characters or bring myself to give a shit about what they were doing.

The writing was also a little, stagnant for lack of a better word, and that might've been what made the pacing so slow. But, this kind of story doesn't work if everything takes too long to get off the ground. And I lose interest if nothing is happening during the time it takes for things to pick up. If there was *something* happening during the time it took for Asher and his best friend (already forgot his name) to get to and find Alexis. But the majority of what happened was just lots of info dumping and boring dialog.

I honestly don't remember what purpose bringing Asher's best friend along for the journey was. There is a high possibility that I completely read over the reason and it just didn't resonate in my brain because I was bored reading this book from the start.

Hailey says

“This place is magical.”

Ekata: Fall of Darkness by Dominique Law is book one in the Ekata series.

This is Dominique Law's first work and I think she has promise. I received an advanced copy through NetGalley and was very excited but, unfortunately, I can only give this 3 stars.

Ekata might be one of the most drawn out books I have ever read. On Chapter 10, the main characters still have not met and Asher is just now getting to Earth. This is 31% in. It could have easily been consolidated and still gotten the story across. This entire book needed to be shorter. If it was, I think I might have enjoyed the story a lot more.

This book follows Asher and Alexis, who has been prophesied to save the fate of their worlds, on their quest. That is the summary.

Asher is an 18-years-old empath and has just entered into adulthood. An outcast since his mother died, he has been plagued with horrible visions telling of a horrible future. He lives on Ekata, a sister world to Earth. When told that he is part of a prophecy and needs to find a girl named Alexis, he sets out on the path with his

friend, Daivat. Asher's appreciation with nature really touched my heart and made me think about being grateful for all that I have. His character was so well thought out with incredible detail.

Alexis is a normal teenage girl from Earth, who couldn't help but feel that she never belong. When Asher finds her, she can't help but be skeptical, until things start falling into place. I wasn't able to connect with her. She felt as if she didn't belong, even when she found who she truly was. She didn't flow at all and was nothing like Asher when it came down to character development.

There is a romance between Asher and Alexis, but it takes FOREVER for them to act on it due to intense adolescent awkwardness. There is really no mature content and should be classified as young adult, not new adult. It is perfectly acceptable for high schoolers.

I received a copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest opinion. This does not persuade my actual opinion of the book.

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Lexi says

I received a free copy on NetGalley in return for an honest review!

An enjoyable fantasy romp with engaging characters that are generally well crafted and likeable. The friendship between the MC and his long-time best mate is particularly endearing and is essential in carrying the slower aspects of the book along.

The plot and premise is intriguing at first, but does eventually feel slow and stilted in the journey that takes most of the first part of the book. It can get dull as dishwater and at times this book nearly met my DNF shelf because of it. The pace did pick up later on, and left me with the sense of a solid set up for the series.

Overall, 3 stars.

Rachel Juillerat says

Ekata is the start of an adventurous series set to be released August of 2017. Humans have a spiritually-driven powerful counterpart that lives on a non-violent planet with magical powers. Unicorns exist and, as expected, are gods. Bad tries to take over the world, good wins, for now....I bet you're figuring out how this is going.

Yes, the plot line is a bit generic, but the components make it unique. I mean, unicorns. C'mon.

The characters make the story have deeper content. The soft, goody god-guy is a refreshing glass of lemonade to too many bad-boy books. The protagonist, Asher, kind of is the typical misunderstood dark soul of his planet, but considering this is a planet driven by magic crystals and unicorns, you can imagine he's really not that bad of a guy by Earth standards.

Asher is an empath. He can read others' minds and emotions and influence their emotional state. What makes this unique is the fact Asher always tries to do good (unicorns and rainbows, guys). Asher is always maintaining calm in the people around him, sacrifices himself for the greater good, and practices daily yoga

and meditation to remain centered.

I'll be honest, the only reason I really enjoyed this story was because Asher is an empath. It's a unique portrayal of someone attuned to other emotional states, again refreshing amidst a selfishly-driven young adult majority of books.

I'd give this book three out of five stars. It's a good versus bad story we've all read, with the good being a bit too predictable and the bad being overdone like a steak dinner on an awkward date. The other characters are forgettable and generic. Despite this, Law builds a fantasy epic that could bring in a lot of younger readers, which is always something that adds value to a book.

Besides, Asher has inspired me to do more yoga and meditation. Start, actually. We could all use a heaping spoonful of calm and empathy in our lives.

I received an e-book copy in the promise of an honest review.

Jessi ? says

slow paced and a bit dragged out at times, but the story was interesting to me, i has to keep reading

Lisa says

I could not put this book down! It was such an adventure with unique ideas of "magic" different worlds. I loved the characters, BUT I HATED how Ash and Lexi interacted. I get that they are hormonal teenagers in the midst of a war that basically depends on them so emotions are high. However, their constant hot, cold, love, hate relationship goes to extremes far too quickly to be even close to realistic. It was annoying and got in the way of the story. Without that, this definitely would have been 5 stars! Still can't wait for the 2nd one!

ReaderNature says

I received Ekata for free through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I'd honestly rate this more 3.5 stars than 4, but I rounded up because I don't think it would be fair to give a 3 which is less than it deserves.

Asher and Alexis were meant to save the worlds, Ekata and Earth. Bound by a prophecy with the aid of a multitude of friends, they face unimaginable evil together to restore peace. Tied by fate in numerous ways, their lives change forever on this turning point.

I am really interested in the world of Ekata; this novel barely scratched the surface of the customs, lands, and peoples and makes you want to know more and see more and do more. It draws you in once you get past the bumpier beginnings and before you know it, you're falling headlong into Ash and Lexi's adventure! I find it very hard to stop myself from gushing about plot points to describe the greatness held within this novel!

I'm going to be honest though (as promised), I struggled through this book until nearly the very end. It wasn't

that the story was awful, the characters weren't static, but until about 55-60% of the way through, I had a hard time getting into the atmosphere of the book. It felt very passive and "info-dumpy" while it trying to inform the reader of what was going on and give them knowledge of Ekata and the characters. Rather than being woven in, it's more being told to the reader through passive information. This gave it a forced feel like things were being purposefully omitted or put down more as fact instead of being woven in - which could be due to the publisher or editor's preference and not necessarily the author's.

I did also feel more of the author's voice and style in the last half of the book or so which made everything feel much more put together and allowed me to get invested in what was happening!

Furthermore, I felt certain parts of the plot lacked a natural progression but I can't divulge without going into the plot a bit. Here comes some spoilers:

(view spoiler)

Regardless of my petty annoyances - I clearly enjoyed this book well enough to not just finish it but actually really like it *and* want to read the next two books. I think this is the start of a great series! All things considered, I will be recommending this book to friends and family who are into fantasy/dystopian/urban genres.

Kathryn says

Thank you to NetGalley and the publishers for giving me this book in exchange for an honest review.

2 & 1/2 stars

I wanted to love this. I swear I did. I tried so hard. I really did. But. It was so boring :(The premise was exciting and I thought this was going to be excellent. I wanted it to be but it was such a chore to read. It makes me sad because the cover and idea were so exciting. The story is about Asher and Alexis. Ekata is a world with no violence. The antagonist want's to remove violence on earth but, in doing so it would remove the free-will of the people. Cue are main characters to stage. Asher experiences violent visions because he is apart of a prophesy where he needs to help Alexis (other MC) to stop this madman from going Thanos on everyone. It's all about the chosen one trope but it was really not that unique even though I really thought it was going to be. The pace is super slow 31% into the book Asher finally gets to earth but he still hasn't gotten to Alexis and we had only heard from her once (she wasn't that interesting.) Before that, we are just reading about Asher and his best friend (who was undoubtedly funny) trudge along to meet the Pure Ones (unicorn hybrid things that know all and see all or something but one dies so I guess not all.) This is a slow process of walking, eating, staying warm, sleeping, and repeat. It's all very tropey which would not be all that bad if it was more exciting and unique.

The writing was good though. I won't sit here and knock the writing because the world was vivid. The journey was something I felt in my bones and the dialogue was well written. The world-building and setting of Ekata were easy to follow and understand. The magic system was cool because of all the powers the people had like empaths, telekinesis, people who can see the future like Asher, and more. It was an easy read I just wish it was more exciting to read. It took so long to pick up and actually have something of note happen. Honestly, I just struggled guys lol.

Then we have the romance. Ugh, guys the romance. Insta-love can be ok if it's more like an attraction but when it's like this book I just have to question life. Alexis is quite annoying and strange if you ask me. I mean if someone randomly pops on your door telling you that you're native to another planet and that the fate of the world is on you I don't think I would be worried about how hot he is. She really is insufferable. And look I get it she is young but there is just no depth and I struggled with that too. Asher was a bit more exciting to read about.

And the ending was so anticlimactic I could not even fathom it. I will 100% not be reading the sequel. It really was not my cup of tea which was extremely disappointing.

Kerri says

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long exhale

This book. It's hard to describe my feelings for this book. They are very hot and cold. There were times when I was so immersed that I couldn't put it down! And then there were times where every other sentence I read made my eyes roll so hard I gave myself a headache. Hint hint: That's usually when Alexis was talking.

The premise of this book is classic, but still interesting. A boy (Asher) with visions of doom is destined to team up with a girl (Alexis) from a prophecy to save the world. It's complicated by the fact that the boy lives on a completely different planet from the girl. I really loved the world of Ekata. I thought the author did a great job of describing this planet that was so similar and yet so different from our own. I liked the plot, though at times it did feel a little bit rushed. I feel like the author was trying to build something epic, but also wanted to keep it under 400 pages. I get it, but it definitely detracted from the story.

And then there was our heroine. Alexis was ever so slightly insufferable. I mean, at first I understood her constant moodiness and the way she shut out anyone and everyone that was trying to help her. Being "The Chosen One" is a lot to handle. But at some point she needed to suck it up and just... stop! And don't even get me started on the insta-love. GUH, the insta-love! I feel like this book would have been vastly improved if the relationship between Asher and Alexis had been given time to naturally develop. I mean, there's going to be a sequel! There's time to let them get to know each other which would make their "Tuwe Wove" at least a little bit more believable. And the level of miscommunication on a planet filled with people who can LITERALLY READ MINDS is... well... mind-boggling. I get that they can shield from one another, but when the fate of not one world, but two could possibly be messed up because you don't feel like letting people know what you're thinking? Just come on!

deep breath

long exhale

My slightly coherent rant aside, this book was, overall, enjoyable and I feel like the author has some real potential. Just... maybe don't rush things quite as much. And maybe give your characters time to develop

individually before they are completely wrapped up in each other.

Sheila Goicea says

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Emris Lindsay says

Secrets and more secrets, why can't parents understand, they need to be honest with their children, keeping secrets that are related to them, would only hurt them when it's revealed causing anger and distress. This tale is based on such, a destructive way, yet there arises an opportunity to escape the hateful looks given to him by his people, and Asher chooses believing it was the right way if this is the only escape for his never-ending torturous visions then so be it.

Asher accepted the inevitable, a task that sound easy, find the girl, save the universe, but it came at a price. Alexis and Asher together were the catalyst to an end and together they survived through tortures and death among them to make it happen, but the battle forges on, giving up wasn't an option but so was not accepting the cruelty that lay ahead. The storyline is good so are the characters. Asher and Daivat journey could have been a bit more exciting and fun, I enjoyed it nonetheless.

Angela Gibson says

Spiritually evolved humans live on Ekata. They have individual powers, such as telekinesis and empathy. The main character, Asher, is an empath. As the book progresses, Asher becomes more spiritually evolved and develops additional powers. Although I don't want to provide too many details so as to avoid spoilers, Asher could take on an Army of Superman characters and would likely prevail over all!

Another main character, Alexis, is introduced once action moves from Ekata to Earth. Earth is suffering and is controlled by Verdell, father to Alexis. Verdell is evil personified even though he spouts off nonsense about using a "war to end all wars" in order to heal Earth and bring peace to the planet. Verdell is searching for Alexis in order to help achieve his domination of Earth and Ekata. Asher reaches Alexis before Verdell does, explains to this 17 year old Earth girl about the Ekata prophecy that the two of them are to save the worlds, and whisks Alexis back to Ekata.

Once Alexis and Asher are back on Ekata, their training begins in order to fight Verdell's war and to hopefully bring peace back to Ekata and to restore Earth.

This is a book of good versus evil. It's constantly full of action. Sometimes I felt as though I needed a break and could have used a little more spirituality or world building.

And how could I forget to mention unicorns? Yes, there are unicorns, so yay for me!

I'm looking forward to Book 2 of the series. I rate this as a 3.5 but rounded up to 4 because of unicorns. Yes, I'm a real sucker for unicorns.

Thank you to the author for sending me a copy of this book in a giveaway.

Never Never Land says

I received an ebook from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

There is something about *Ekata: Fall of Darkness* that leaves you straddling between the two worlds within its pages. I was immediately worried that the author would not be able to keep the distinction clear and leave me confused, however, I was pleasantly surprised. With the right words Dominique Law was able to show just how Ekata influenced Earth from its yoga exercises to the teachings of peace and appreciation of nature. While I am not familiar with yoga and its teachings I was enthralled with the role it played in the world building.

With telekinesis, telepathy and magical portation between planets, *Ekata* reminds me of Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* and it was just as fun to read. I enjoyed learning about Asher and Daivat's abilities and how they learned to control them. The characters were well developed. The heroes were worth cheering for and the villains were as deplorable as they get.

The only problem I had while reading was the author's habit of adding explanation when new things came up instead of weaving them into the story. Sometimes this took me out of the story and tended to get a little boring for me. If it was interwoven more into the story instead of abrupt explanations, I feel it would have been easier to digest.

With that aside, let me tell you that Ms. Law sure knows how to pull your heart through a torment of feels. The romance between Asher and Alexis is palpable and I wanted them to get over their teenage awkwardness and just hook up already. Without giving away any spoilers let me just say my heart was wrenched out of my throat several times in this story and I had several bouts of crying sessions. Once Asher and Alexis came together I devoured the book in two 3-hour sittings. Seriously, I cannot wait for book two.

I recommend it for anyone who loves alternate world fantasies and hero quest tales.

This title is scheduled for release on August 18th, 2017.

J.D. DeHart says

Ekata: Fall of Darkness serves as the first entry into a new series, and this first book sets up a promising, unfolding story in a stunning way. The writing here is beautiful through and through, regardless of whether you prefer the genre or not. I am sure it helps that I am a science fiction reader, but the book would be a wonderful introduction for a new reader.

Ekata is a coming of age story cast in an unfamiliar universe, and Law tells the story from an alternating first-person point of view that helps us empathize with the main characters. We are inside their minds, so we get to know them very well throughout the narrative.

The themes of otherness and identity are endemic here, and such themes serve as a familiar foundation, even in this diverse setting. The story is told from the perspective of both Asher and Alexis, and Law moves capably between these two perspectives, giving each character a distinct voice that sounds human and

realistic.

Publication for Ekata: Fall of Darkness is set for August 18, 2017 (just a few days from now), and the sequel, Fractured Light, is set for publication in 2018.

Shannon says

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

This was a really interesting read. It covered the concept of more than one world and portal travel nicely. It seemed to be set in present time with a present day Earth, but in the alternate world the people live simple, peaceful, clean lifestyles but they have unlocked advanced technology within nature and themselves. The people from the alternate world, Ekata, possess "powers" such as empathy, telekenesis, telepathy and other things that we would consider magical or fantastical abilities. For those on Ekata, those gifts are normal for people to have and regularly taught subjects in school. Where the book becomes a fantasy is the addition of the Pure Ones, unicorn like creatures who have powers and knowledge above and beyond what humans possess. The Pure Ones are major players in the plot.

Ekata follows our two main characters, Asher who was raised on Ekata, and Alexis who is native to Ekata but was raised on Earth for her protection. Asher has been having horrible visions for years, and he has been ostracized from his community because of them. He finds out on the day of his graduation that his visions prove that he is meant to help the chosen one end the war that has been going on for years and save not only his world but Earth as well. Asher is part of a prophecy but unlike most YA books, he isn't the chosen one, he has a major part to play in assisting the chosen one succeed in saving humanity. Alexis or Lexi, is actually the chosen one, daughter of two high priests of Ekata, is meant to stop the war her power hungry father has started. She has been hidden away since her birth on Earth so her father can't find her.

The world building was excellent. The description of the environment made me feel like I was there. I do feel like the details of the story could have been a little more flushed out. There were times where there weren't enough details and the characters just either accepted what happened without explanation or just knew what happened and never explained why. Other times things were repeated or over explained.

Overall, I'm anxious to see where the next part of the story is headed. There is a ton of potential and plenty of places for the author to take us with this creative world and plot. If you like fantasy give this a try.
