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When Alexander arrived in Verhonia, something went terribly wrong. A dark spell delivered from the mountains of Acadia sent him on a dangerous journey in the middle of the night. As he marched into the mountains the great city of Verhonia was ambushed and burned to the ground by Roman's army of vicious giant murks.

With a battle looming over the realm, General Drake was asked to come back to Azra's Pith. He swore he would never return; but after discovering his son was under a spell and in the grips of a dark sorcerer he had no choice.

Things take a wild turn in the mountains; with runaways, hungry wolves and a mysterious, young empyrean wizard thrown into the adventure. A tight race against time and evil was in full swing. With faith and a little magic they just might come out on top.

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Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

It has been a while since I read the first book. The details of the land and story are vague in my memory.

I think it would be helpful to read the books right after the other to appreciate the story more.

This book takes place in a parallel world. Alexander is the King's grandson and as such he is a valuable person in the war between good and evil. As this story begins he is put under a spell to leave home and find his way to Imperius.

This book is about his father trying to rescue him, a war, and finding good friends. It moves at a quick pace and the writing style is easy for children to follow along.

Leah (White Sky Project) says

The second book in the Azra's Pith series is an even faster and more exciting read than the first one. I think it's shorter than the first book, but there are more things happening in this one than in the previous book.

The Return of General Drake picks up exactly where book one left off and it's a really fast ride from there. There are new and interesting characters that appear and a few questions that pop up in the middle of the story and are not really answered when the book ends. Hopefully the third book will reveal more about everything.

I think the last part is a little rushed, but it doesn't really bother me. More often than not, I like leaving and accepting things as they are and just enjoy the reading experience, but I'm not sure about other readers. I'm fine about the way the story flows.

If you read the first book and enjoyed it, you are most likely going to want to read this one and enjoy it, too.

Disclosure: I received a review copy from the author in exchange for an honest review. I was not compensated nor was I required to give a positive review. All opinions expressed are my own.

Blog post here.

Sheila says

Starting right where book one ended, with young Alexander missing in action, his talking frog friend distraught, and the world about to fall apart, Elizabeth Parkinson-Bellows' second Azra's Pith book brings the hero's rather distant father into sharper focus, proving he does in fact love his son. But a lot of faith and trust will be needed before Alexander and the kingdom can be saved.

General Drake didn't plan to return to this mystical world where he once lost so much. He's doing fine in the

real world and his son must surely be safe at his grandmother's house. But now the General finds himself called back, a long-lost leader for an army that's learned to live without him. Will resentment or wisdom win the day? Will good sense or folly follow Alexander's footsteps? And, when a new small army is raised, will a young boy lead them too?

The path is planned and the journey set, but it takes a lot of faith to believe things will work out, and a good dose of human kindness to reach the right result. Alexander learns a strength he didn't know he possessed. His father relearns the bravery he once knew, recognizing on the way that love once lost still rests in the loved one's heart.

Nicely told and gently mystical with a pleasing sense of humor and a nice cast of brave and valiant children as well as talking animals, this is a fun second book in the series and an enjoyable read for middle-grade students.

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this novel to accompany the author's visit to my blog.

L_manning says

Alexander Drake is back, but he's in a bit of a pickle. Imperius is still determined to capture Alexander, and he uses a spell to draw Alexander away from his home. Meanwhile, Imperius sends his servant Roman to take over Verhonia. With things falling apart around him, Alexander's grandfather calls for Alexander's father to come help. Alexander's father was a great general at one time, but he's hesitant to return to that life. Alexander and his father must both come to terms with what must be done if they are to survive.

This story starts immediately with the action, and it doesn't slow down until the end. I enjoyed the pace of the book. It managed to be fast without being too frenzied. Alexander's new friends were pretty awesome! I wanted to be running around with them. I was especially interested in Sarah and her abilities. She had a lot of interesting things going on, and I wanted to know more.

The storyline of Alexander's father was also intriguing and a bit sad. You can see he is really struggling to find a life that suits him and that he can live on his terms. This book has a fairly solid ending, but it still leaves some mysteries to be solved. Once again, it's a quick read that makes it a great choice for young readers. There is action and adventure and magic, and it all makes for a super fun read.

Book provided for review.

Christina M Condry says

Starting right where book 1 left off. This story continues the saga of Alexander. He is missing and his best friend who happens to be a Hopper is worried sick about him.

I enjoyed this book because the father plays a much larger role in the story. We get to see him in a little different light.

Like the first story this book has a fabulous cast of characters and teaches wonderful lessons about life. I love how the characters grow in these books.

This book is perfect for Middle-schoolers and I recommend this to all parents and children. At the ripe old age of 45 I still enjoyed this book.

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Fantasy Flipper says

This is a fun follow-up to the first one. Alexander meets some interesting new friends on the mountain. I just noticed the new cover. I love it! I hope the series is available in print. I can't wait to read part 3!
