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Anni doesn't know about Elementals, Funk, Zephyrs, excited talking Bat-Rat creatures, and, least of all, Dragons. All that changes when her best friend, Lexi, is kidnapped and forces beyond Anni's control trap her on a hidden, floating island in the Elemental world.

In a race against time, Anni sets out to save her friend. Along the way she finds allies among the Elementals, but she is also presented with a choice, one that might help save Lexi. If Anni agrees to an ancient, open-ended contract, will her sacrifice cost her more than she's bargained for? Or will it land her in the middle of an age-old war between the humans, the Elementals, and the dreaded Fectus?

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## From Reader Review Anni Moon & The Elemental Artifact for online ebook

**S.W. says**

### **An enchanting tale. Recommended for readers 8+.**

Anni Moon is the story of two orphan girls. They're the best of friends, Anni and Lexi, who live together at a private girl's school, Waterstone Academy, which has been owned and run by a family for many years. In fact, it's the very same family who are their guardians.

Their whole life is turned upside down within a short period of time when both of their guardians mysteriously disappear and the girls learn that the school is to be sold to the mean old Mr Orge Murdock. With no guardians around to look out for them, they are told that they can no longer live at the school. They have nowhere else to go, and the girls hope that things couldn't get any worse. That's where the plot thickens and their hopes are dashed.

Lexi suddenly disappears, and without hesitation Anni begins to search for her. That's where readers are led on two separate journeys that are intricately weaved together. One follows Lexi and the other follows Anni. As the plots unfold, Melanie Abed gradually reveals details of another world that lays hidden behind the everyday. And it seems that one of the girls knows more about such a place than she had ever revealed. This secret life of Lexi is an underlying mystery that Anni learns of and tries to solve, while desperately trying to track her down.

As Anni's search begins, she unwittingly enters into a contract with a mysterious hidden force that both guides and confuses her along the way. She moves from one challenge to the next and proves that she is a very strong willed girl. She never waivers in her determination to find her missing friend and I feel that Anni is a great role model in perseverance for young readers.

Being the first book of the series there was a lot of building in the first half, and I found that the storyline noticeably ramped up in the second. Once Anni had found her feet, made new friends and had set her goal, I found the journey was easier to follow. I think that came with becoming familiar with the characters and being able to focus more on the story rather than learning what's what and who's who in the zoo.

Some parts of this book reminded me of an Alice in Wonderland type adventure. It was full of unexpected transitions and journeys from one odd setting to another, and there was a host of weird and wonderful characters to get to know. One thing I found was that I had absolutely no idea who to trust. The writing was easy to follow and plenty of clever twists kept me guessing and changing my mind from page to page. I was definitely hooked to find the answers about Lexi's disappearance and of the magical hidden world in which Anni found herself.

I loved the cover of this one too, it grabbed me as soon as I saw it. The cover and other great illustrations inside were expertly crafted by Melanie's husband, Hisham Abed.

**In a nutshell:** An enchanting tale, Anni Moon's adventures should appeal to young girls that dream of magical places. Her strength of character should also teach some valuable lessons.

Recommended for readers 8+.

*Note: I don't claim to be a pro-reviewer, I am a reader. My reviews are based on my personal thoughts around the story that the book is trying to tell. I try to focus on the story (which is the reason I read) rather than dissect the book and pass comment on typos, writing style or structure.*

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## **Pammycats says**

Anna Moon & The Elemental Artifact

By: Melanie Abed

I received an advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

### **Story Synopsis**

His book is ideal for young people - perhaps 10 and up.

This is a mystery set in an alternate reality in England. The story moves between the viewpoint of two best friends (Anni Moon and Lexi Waterstone). Lexi is kidnapped and Anni must find her. Along the way, Anni finds out about Elementals, the Elemental world that lies within our world, prophecies both fulfilled and unfulfilled, and an intricate mystery that centers around a missing artifact. There is a lot going on in this story so the reader must really pay attention.

### **Illustrations**

I knew that I was in for a treat with this book as soon as I saw it. The illustrations (done by the author's husband - Hisham Abed) are charming and really do bring the Elemental world to life. I loved the map at the beginning. It gave you a way to visualize their town and also to place it in time. The Chapter One illustration is of Brat the messenger half bat/ half rat who becomes such an important friend in the book. I loved them all.

### **Plot**

The plot is deliciously full of details with brilliant pacing. The story never flags as there are mystery reveals throughout the story. I loved that all the details were remembered. For instance, near the beginning of the book, Anni encountered a strange door in her deceased Aunt's apartment. When she opened it up, a golden arm came through and snatched her Aunt's necklace. Anni's guardian (who now lives in her (Aunt's apartment) denies the existence of the door. Where does the door lead? What about the arm, is it friendly or scary? Why doesn't her guardian know about the door? If he does know, why is he lying? All this and more answered just when you least expect them to be answered.

The plot does have a lot of elements juggling in the air all the time. My only concern was that this could be a bit worrisome to the reader sometimes. In fact, up to the final 100 pages, the author is introducing new characters and mythologies. For instance, chapter 41 (out of 43) introduces us to the Tree of Death, the Guardian of the Jaguar and Cat People, the concept of his soul/ body being split by going into the Tree of Death, the idea of their entire community being physically sick because of the Guardian's condition. There is a lot going on. Pay attention! Follow this amazing author and you will be rewarded by a very satisfying plot with all the bits and pieces securely bound within the story

### **Conclusion**

This author has created an entire world and we get to live in it for a while.. Earlier in the book, when our characters are at the hub (a transport center that seems like an airport terminal) Anni says that she can't wait to explore every bit of this place. I feel the same way about seeing into every nook and cranny of this world.

I can't wait to read the next book!

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### **Bill Tillman says**

Fantastic mid-sized fantasy novel. A true whirlwind experience, keeps you turning pages till the end. Can you say double cross? Anni is one driven young lady focused on finding her BFF Lexington. Which takes Anni into another see world where humans have a nasty disease "Funk". A magical ride.

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### **Melissa says**

What a great book! I loved that this is one book I can recommend to my children as well as my friends. It captures your attention right away. You will find this hard to put down and then when you're done you will want to read it again!

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### **Jenni Schell says**

What a wonderful book. It was full of adventure and was just a lot of fun. I hope there are many more books in this series to come.

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### **Sami Jo says**

What an incredible book! Not only is the story full of mystery and fun that will suck you right into the author's fantastical world - but there are also some beautiful illustrations all throughout! You'll love the imaginative tale Melanie has woven for you! Would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your young reader! Middle Grade - Grades 4-6 (and adults, too!) :)

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### **Elsbeth says**

Wonderful story about friendship, growing up and lots more. Wrapped in a magical world of colourful creatures.

At first I had trouble with the many different characters, who are introduced in a short time. (Maybe a list of characters at the beginning of the book could solve that?). Combined with a lot of unanswered questions, make it not an easy read at first. But when you keep reading, more and more mysteries get solved and the adventures keep you flowing through the book! You just have to keep reading!

And the illustrations are really beautiful!

Thank you, Melanie Abed, for sharing this!

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## **Tony Parsons says**

Anni Moon (13, (Elementals) dressed in her mandatory Waterstone Academy girl's school uniform. Suddenly a bat/rat winged like creature spoke to her.

Lexi (Alexa) Waterstone (Elementals) was her roommate.

Teddy Waterstone (Uncle) was Lexi's legal guardian & Mabel Moon (Aunt) was Anni's legal guardians. They both had once ran Waterstone Academy.

Murdock had now taken over the Waterstone Academy.

Mable (Elemental) however left Waterstone Academy. Teddy vanished 9 months later.

Headmistress Charity Turnkey & Ms. Downsnout (Headmistress's secretary) took care of the day/day operations.

Vivian Sugar was the counselor. Rufous Finnegan was head security &, all-purpose assistant & Brunhild is the school's cook.

Egbert Frode Moon was now the 2 girl's temporary & legal guardian.

Later, Mr. Murdock (Elementals) announces he is the new owner of Waterstone Academy.

The Voice newspaper headlines read/confirmed Theodore Teddy Ezra Waterstone is dead.

Mabel Moon (Teddy's sister-in-law) has also disappeared or presumed dead also.

There were other bizarre things mentioned in the news article: Elementals, Opus Stones, & Golden Bee Artifacts?

Rufous Finnegan tried to kidnap Lexi & Anni.

What are the powers of the Queen's Mirrors?

Alexa Waterstone (13) was kidnapped.

Lexi (Elemental) had been transported through a giant old mirror (Orb).

Lexi meets Kat, Mortimer Spence slug) & Spike. They were taken to the Brouwen room to make Plantanana Juice.

The Elemental Golden Bee Artifact was stolen.

Mabel told the kids the story of the Great Catastrophe.

A Secret Elemental Council (SEC) meeting was in session to help find the Golden Bee Artifact.

Elementals: Krizia (Ornella), Maeleachlainn Spongincork (m, aka leach), & Van were in attendance.

Anni, Sharif Qamar Uma Isra Tau Mukerjee (m, aka Squirt), & Daphne were hiding/listening to the meeting. Whiffle (dragon) helped them escape.

Zelda Scurryfunge (Krizia's sister-in-law) is missing?

How do the Opus Stone necklaces help?

Who is Queen Naga Yaga?

Fancy having a Funkometer or an Omninavigational device!?

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A very awesome book cover, cool map, great font & writing style. A very well written older MS age children's mysterious fantasy adventure book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great older child's mysterious fantasy adventure movie, animated

cartoon, or mini TV series. A very easy rating of 5 stars.

Thank you for the free Goodreads; Author; PDF book  
Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

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### **Marilyn M. Sharp "Amea" says**

#### **Imaginative**

Imaginative middle grade story. This was a very pleasant surprise. If you like Brandon Mull's Fablehaven, or The Beyonders series, you will enjoy Annie Moon & The Elemental Artifacts.

This story is well crafted however, at times it seems like the "supporting" characters are more important than the main character. I think this is done with purpose as at the end you find out Anni's special importance. It felt like each "friend" will have an important role in future stories. Similar to the Percy Jackson series.

Thank you for reading my review, I hope you found this helpful.

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### **Mauoijenn ~ \*Mouthy Jenn\* ~ says**

\*NetGalley book review\*

I enjoyed this book so much, I decided to read it to my son in the evenings before bed. He very much enjoyed it. I loved the characters, such imaginative details and the world they live in. We laughed and had a great time getting lost in this. Such a great book.

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### **Angelle says**

This is one roller coaster of an adventure. Loved it!

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### **Myrnies says**

#### **fun little read**

Definitely for children- a fun read but the plot line jumps everywhere. I think this will be a fun read for my grade schooler.

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### **BookLoversLife says**

Anni is an orphan but when her guardians disappear and her best friend is kidnapped, Annis life changes forever. She is dragged into a world she never knew existed and has no idea what is going on. Never the less

Anni plows through and knows she has to rescue her friend before it's too late.

This was a pleasant surprise and I really enjoyed it though at the start I was a little lost, kind of like Anni! Once it all came together though and I was caught up, I really liked it.

Character wise - Anni is such a likable character. She has no clue about the magical world, until a talking rat thing comes to her with a message. Even though she doesn't understand everything, she plows through and does all she can to find her friend. She is nice, brave and extremely loyal. I really liked her and know that most people will. There is also a whole host of characters in the book and all of them are well written and developed.

Plot wise - The plot is very fast paced and enjoyable. There's a lot of secrets revealed slowly but this adds to the mystery and intrigue of the book.

Overall it's an adventurous and action packed read. You will fall in love with Anni and the fantastical world that the author has created. The story really pulls you in and brings you on the magical journey with Anni! Being the first in the series, we are left with a lot of questions but that just makes you want the next book more. I'm really looking forward to more from Anni Moon and the gang.

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### **L.J. Capehart says**

Well, that was quite an adventure! Melanie Abed created a very imaginative and interesting world. As you read through, you learn more about this world full of interesting characters, and some secrets are slowly revealed. But there are still secrets that I suspect will be revealed in later books, and I'm looking forward to the sequel. Very good first book! Hopefully it's only the first!

I was given a copy of this in exchange for my honest review.

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### **C.J. Milbrandt says**

At the disappearance (and presumed death) of their caretaker, the headmistress of a girls' school, Anni and her best friend Lexi are being evicted from the only home they've ever known. But strange things begin happening. Anni meets a talking bat. She hears a voice in her head. And then Lexi disappears. Desperate to save her, Anni stumbles into the realm of the Elementals. New friends and old secrets. Mirrors and Zephyrs. Prophecies and precious stones.

This story has stunning world-building, and the adventure unfolds like a mystery. Hints and red herrings abound. I loved Anni's discoveries about the Elemental world, and I adored the friends she made there. Especially Squirt. I want more!

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