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In book two of the Realm Walkers Series, Cantor, Bixby, and Dukmee must band together to find the storied realm walker Chomountain after the devastating attack by the corrupt Realm Walkers Guild. But what they discover while traveling turns their mission upside down and they must now find a way to restore Chomountain.

Two Renegade Realms Details

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Lisa Godfrees says

Donita K. Paul writes her own flavor of fantasy. Her stories are captivating, fun, and heartwarming. Her characters are rich with quirkiness. The world in this particular series is fresh and innovative, a place I'd really like to visit.

Two Renegade Realms is set about 2 years after the first novel in the series (One Realm Beyond). We get to spend more time with our favorite characters - Cantor, Bridger, Dukmee, Bixby, and Totobee-Rodolow - along with meeting a couple of new additions to the crew as they puzzle out how to save the realms from an alien attack and defeat the corrupt Realm Walkers Guild.

Appropriate for all audiences. Recommended for those ready for a fun read.

Maria says

Two Renegade Realms by Donita K. Paul is the second book in the Realm Walkers series. This second book was a better written and more enjoyable story than the first one. It wasn't as kiddish to me. I hated how it ended, though! I'm going to have to wait how long for the third book?! lol Joking aside, it did end pretty decently. It tied up everything from the story and only kept us hanging just enough to want the next one in the series. ;-)

It's been two years since the last book, and Cantor has been off on adventures ever since. With no success at finding Ahma and Odem, he feels inadequate and insecure in his realm walker role. Then he is sent on a mission to find Bixby and Dukmee. Once he locates them, he finds it slow going to save the world from the Lymen Invasion when multiple distractions and missions keep coming up. Will they be able to figure out the mysteries surrounding the invasion? And what about Ahma and Odem? Where have they been for the last three years?

Cantor is my favorite character in the book. There is more to him than meets the eye, and I can't wait to hear more about him in the next book. Cantor keeps trying to fight his attraction to Bixby because he fears it will distract him from the Lymen invasion. But poor Bixby is the one who gets hurt in the process. Bridger, the dragon, is as funny and silly as ever, but I do wish Cantor would accept him already! They've been together for three years! Isn't it time for the temper tantrum to be over now... lol Dukmee still irritates me because his brilliance makes him come off as arrogant and aloof.

Chomountain is an interesting addition to the story. He's a much more likable character compared to Dukmee, but I am confused by him. I think he's supposed to be kind of like an Elijah in the story, but I'm not sure. It wasn't explained well at all. Cantor, Bridger, and Bixby continue to be my favorite characters, and I can't wait to see how their story will come together in the end. Overall, it's a fun, enjoyable read. :-)

I was given this book free from BookLook Bloggers in exchange for an honest review.

Maria Peterman says

I am a big fan of Donita K. Paul's work. This book is no exception. It is the tale of a few close knit friends on a great adventure to save the world (what else). Along the way, they meet a few new friends and allies, as well as their fair share of obstacles. This book is a good read for older elementary school students. The vocabulary is fairly simple, but the complexity of the storyline might be difficult for 3rd graders of younger to follow. I think some good activities for this book would include order of events exercises, retellings, and summarizing.

Madi's Musings says

Summary:

Two years have passed since the attack by the corrupt Realm Walkers Guild - years Cantor, Bixby, and Dukmee have spent searching for secrets that could save their realm from a deadly invasion. Just when they seem close to success, however, a new surprise knocks them off track: the famed Chomountain may indeed be alive. And it appears their group has been chosen to rescue him from his years of imprisonment.

But when they arrive in the valley where Chomountain supposedly has been kept, they are met by a man whose only passion is fishing. Desperate and running out of time before the invasion begins, the three friends, along with Cantor's dragon constant, Bridger, must find a way to escape the growing perils in the valley while also uncovering the answers they urgently need.

Positive Elements:

Bixby is determined to be the best she can for Primus; Bridger will let nothing stop him in his search for his sister; Bixby and Cantor use self-control when dealing with difficult individuals; Cantor grows more accepting of Bridger; faith and trust in Primus is encouraged.

Cons:

Cantor, at times, is demeaning to Bridger.

Violence:

A guard is beaten and left for dead; a woman is drugged; a secondary character gets cut with a knife; more dragons are kidnapped and drugged; some more dragons obtain injuries while fighting a beast; a man gets walloped on the head with a bottle of bath oil; invaders are mentioned destroying all in their paths and eating human babies (nothing graphic).

Spiritual Content:

Primus is the equivalent of God; Bixby and Cantor pray to Primus; Chomountain is described as the right hand of Primus who advocates and is an intercessor between Primus and the people.

Other:

Cantor kisses Bixby, as does Dukmee.

Rating:

5 Stars

Conclusion:

Once again, Donika K. Paul masterfully weaves an epic tale that will keep you (quite literally) on the edge of your seat. Her imperfect characters are relatable and fun, and I couldn't help but love Bridger. If you are looking for a story to sweep you into a world of adventure, treachery, danger, and friendship, Two Renegade Realms is the book for you.

Sarah Elizabeth says

I LOVE these books! Such great stories filled with adventure, hilarity, good fellowship, food, and faith. I would definitely recommend to all my fantasy-lover friends!

The gist of the plot: Word of a coming invasion from two renegade planes reaches our crew of heroes, and they hurry to prepare for the impending assault. This includes gathering two stones and a globe, which essentially act as a key to the realm of the Universe. But first on their agenda is to rescue the famed Chomountain, the right hand of Primen--essentially a Prophet. During all of this, they must deal with the corrupt members of the Realm Walkers Guild, who seek to take over rule of the realms, outlaw the true realm walkers loyal to Primen, and replace them with their phonies...

To read the full review, visit my blog! **Sarah, Plain & Average:** <http://sarah-plainandaverage.blogspot...>

Zoë says

Summary:

Cantor, Bixby, Dukmee, and Bridger are back for another adventure! On their way to discover more about a coming Lymen invasion, they come across a man who has no idea that he is Chomountain, the right hand of Primen. They must first remind him who he is before they continue on their quest. But little do they know that the Lymen invasion just might be sooner than they expected!

My personal review~

This book was very good! However, I must say it wasn't as good as the first. The first half was a tad bit slow and at that part of the book I planned on giving it four stars. However, the end made up for it nicely and I didn't have a second thought about making it five stars! Bixby was her amazing self, but I must say that Cantor has changed in this book (both physically and emotionally!) I really missed the short, young, carefree Cantor and this tall, grown-up, serious Cantor made me pity Bixby. Another thing I didn't like was that there were only a few scenes from Cantor's POV when in the last book, the majority were his POV. But that's not a huge deal.

Negative Content~

Near the end, there is a Lymen invasion and I won't spoil the book by going into details, but there is the mention of blood, chopping off limbs, and eating children, but that's all very minor things and are not very detailed.

Sexual Content~

Very little, like the last book.

Bixby is starting to like Cantor and Cantor Bixby, but to protect them both, Cantor tries to be a bit distant

from her.

There are two kisses, but they are on the cheeks and forehead only.

My personal rating~

Five Stars!

Recommended for ages 11+

Just because the minimum age is so low does not mean older teens or adults will not like this book.

Jaina Rose says

2.5 stars, rounded up because I love the Dragon Keeper series. This review is also available on my blog, Read Till Dawn.

As a long-time fan of Donita K. Paul's Dragon Keeper books, I've been itching to get my hands on this series for years. When I saw the second book available through BookLook Bloggers I knew I had to grab it, the fact that it was an ebook notwithstanding. While reading it, I was completely engrossed. I found myself drifting away from my school work, reading "just one more page" in the middle of doing what I was supposed to be doing. I thought I would give it a high rating, maybe 3.5 or 4. It wasn't quite as good as the Dragon Keeper books, but I was definitely loving it!

Then, somehow the ending just kind of . . . dropped me. Really, I was starting to get antsy by the last third of the book. Because the first third sets the book up for amazing things: old friends reunited, a spark of suppressed romance between two main characters, impending doom and the right hand of Primen. There was some serious potential there, and even though they spent a lot of time wandering around in ruins in the middle of a mountain, I enjoyed myself. The second third involves the loss of two characters, one minor (a mining slave) and one I'd thought wasn't so minor (Neekoh had better be important in the third book, because otherwise he serves absolutely no purpose that a bit of magic couldn't have performed). It sees the beginning of travel, the addition of a bunch of dragons with names that all sort of blur together, and this random guy who keeps popping up, asking Bixbee to marry him, and then disappearing again. I was sure there would be some sort of great purpose for his presence and kind of disappointed about where he wound up fitting into the plot. He'd better have a pretty important role in the third book (along with Neekoh), otherwise he's a pretty big waste of time.

Over all, this is a good book from a great author. The world-building is amazing as always (Paul is a world-building pro at this point!), but while I did love the characters I felt like by the final third of the book there were too many mixed in there, pulling the focus away from the characters and plot-lines that really mattered. I am definitely looking forward to the third book, though, and I think that will be the one to make-or-break the series. If the third book pulls everything together perfectly, then One Realm Beyond is a great introduction to a lot of the threads that will be needed for a masterful ending. If the third book is disjointed, overwhelming, and disorganized, then this book will have been the book that set up for that. Basically, it's a stepping stone for the story arch. Whether that step leads upward or downward is still up in the air.

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Diane Lynch says

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Madeline Roush says

This one was better than the first one.

Victoria says

I need book three!

Lula McCuela says

It's been a minute since I read the first book in this series, but I found myself remembering the characters and events of the previous story well enough to follow along with this one.

Cantor is probably my favorite character, although he does get on my nerves sometimes with his unfairly harsh behavior towards Bridger. The characters are entertaining and different from each other, but I often found their emotions impotent. They didn't make me feel anything.

I am interested enough in the storyline to read the next book, but I don't think this series will become a new favorite.

Heidi says

I've been trying to figure out how I will write this review since I finished the book. The struggle isn't in deciding if I liked it- I did. And I will reread it. Where I'm stuck is Two Renegade Realms, while having a very clear start and finish, feels so much like the middle of a story. I turned the last page and thought 'well yes, but what happens next?' It doesn't feel fitting and right to give a review now, because the story doesn't feel over yet!

That said, I will try. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this novel. I enjoy how thoroughly different the world is for our heroes- yet how alike. Donita K Paul has a rare gift for dropping in truths that subtly seep into the pages without being over coming the story with a sense of 'And Now I will Teach You Something'.

Oftentimes fantasy is an escape. Sometimes that escape can lead to looking upon your own life and everything feeling grey. I think I figured out what makes Donita K Paul's books different. And actually, when I was younger, it was something that annoyed me. In all of her books the characters will stop and have a meal. Attention is paid to meals, clothing, care for others. I remember reading one of her books and the characters are just about to save the day!....and they stop and have a picnic. When I first read it I was gesturing on the inside 'they're right there! Why are you waiting!?' . But now I think I understand. The real magic isn't in a dragon that can turn into a ball of yarn, but in sitting with friends and enjoying a meal. In delighting in new lace for a skirt. Small moments shared with those around you. And that is why these books are so good.

But seriously, the next one needs to come out soon because I want to know what happens next.

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Jaime says

As always, Paul spins a wondrous tale that leaves me desperate for more. From her unique characters to the fantastic world-building, Two Renegade Realms left me squealing with excitement, sighing with satisfaction, and overall, left wanting almost nothing. (I say almost because the story isn't quite finished and will be continued in a third volume!)

I'll admit it took me a few chapters to dive back into the swing of this world. But once I started and the characters began to roll along with the plot, I didn't want to stop! Paul's way of writing provides a fresh breath of air to the normal fantasy-scope of late. Her characters are unique, beloved, and admired--I love each and look forward to learning more about them and how they react with one another. The world is well-built from plane to plane, giving glimpses of the various ways of life and the scope of the realms.

I've always been a great admirer of Paul's work. Her characters, world, and story lines are quite extraordinary. She has a great ability to weave her faith into her work without being cliche or pushy. She has a fantastic crafted handed for such lovable stories.

I will be recommending this book to any lover of fantasy, dragons, or a good story. Because of its length and some fighting, I think this book would be suitable for anyone ages ten and up. If any child is ambitious, they might be able to read it at a younger age. And just because it's a fun adventure does not mean older teenagers or adults cannot enjoy it. I adored it and I eagerly await for the next book!

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Glenn says

This book started off a little slow, but was really interesting by the end. It could have used a section on what happened in the first book, or read book 1 before reading this just to get the story in your head... But well worth a read...
