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Arrabella Candellarbra, a beautiful, flaxen-haired maiden trained in all things warrior-like by the most famous warriors of all – The Reginas – embarks on a quest to claim her birthright and to wield the power of all the lands. She is joined by the perfect specimen of manliness, the loin-cloth clad and well-oiled, Lord Langley Kilkenny.

The pair team with the very fey fairy Prince Jim of the pistachio tights and magic arrows, and the icicle-bearded Gary, the wisest of all wizards.

But what happens when the four are pitted against the vilest of evil beings in all of the lands – the terrifying Betty-Sue and her minions – the Saw-Toothed Bunnies, the Viscous Tongued Frogs and the Barella Monkeys?

What happens? Well, an epic fantasy quest that ensures no questy-thing will ever be the same again.

With a host of characters and creatures never before assembled in one story, there'll be love and lust, action and inaction, battles, incantations, sexual shenanigans and high-kicking sing-a-longs.

What happens? Hilarity – that's what!

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J.F.R. Coates says

I thought this title was very good as a parody, but I think that even in satire novels I'm still looking for a bit more other than simple cardboard cut-out characters. The jokes were great, but everything else just felt a little bland.

Amy Parker says

A parodyfest of epic win! :D Pop culture geeks will love this - it had me grinning all the way through. Looking forward to the next instalment!

Alisa Hedden says

In case you haven't figured out from the title, this is not one of those deep, dark, serious books. It is intended for a tongue in cheek, playful romp. We have the Beautiful Heroine (complete with heaving bosom) the Handsome Hero (barely clad in a scanty loincloth) the Wise Wizard and a Flaming Fairy. If you like your fantasy serious, you will need to go elsewhere, but if your sense of humor is intact you will have fun. One game you can play with this is spot the reference. Yes, they do change the names, but there are references to the Twilight vampires, Alice in Wonderland, Chronicles of Narnia, Princess Bride, wizard of Oz, Neverending story, Supernatural (yes, Jared Padalecki is tall, so of course, they name a tree after him) and more! This is just 40 pages in and I have not listed all the references. The author(s) appear to draw inspiration from Monty Python, Douglas Adams, Xanth and Lust in the Dust the author(s) manage to spoof all of the current cultural icons (and several from the past) while still having an adventure tale that holds together with quite a bit of lust thrown in for spice. Definitely not intended for school libraries. But then neither was "Kilgore Trout".

In the interest of fair disclosure, I did receive this book for free from Goodreads to do a review.

Narrelle says

Ridiculous, raunchy fun filled with puns and joyful wordplay.

Deb Bodinnar says

Not my usual genre, but I thoroughly enjoyed this story. Loved the one liners and the "tongue in cheek" reference to other stories. Very clever, witty and just a little bit naughty!!

MELISSA says

wonderful reading loved the story hard to put it down.
Really did laugh out loud while reading this fabulous book !

Lynne weir says

Can I write a serious review about this book?

No...I dont think I can, its just too...silly for that and thats why I loved it. It was nice to just relax and enjoy a book without all the tension and emotion and high expectations, it was just nice to sit down with a truly foolish book and laugh my head off over its foolishness. A fun cheesy read and I will certainly be reading on if or when the next book comes out. All I shall say on the matter is Thank God the wizard got his balls back and I want to get myself a saw-toothed bunny for a pet, preferably one that can talk and doesnt want to eat me. :)

Tess Votto Haranda says

Terrible.

Karen Brooks says

If you like fantasy, comedy, references to pop culture and more than a wee bit of raunch, then this is the book for you. I don't think I've laughed so hard in ages as I followed the adventures of the heroine, Arrabella and her three companions: the gorgeous specimen of manhood, the Beast-master, Langley, the Green Fairy Jim (watch out Kylie) and the wizard Gary as they set off to win a tournament and rescue the Reginas - Arrabella's adopted parents. From references to The Princess Bride, Mr Ed, war heroes, fairy tales, Star Wars, Monty Python, never mind Queen, breakfast cereals and suspiciously named flora and fauna to saw-toothed bunnies, revolting toads/frogs and the magic faraway tree-nympho, this book is a roller-coaster ride of adventure and misadventure with metaphors and silly similes in abundance. But like the rollicking good tale that it is, at its heart is heart and though Arrabella is beautiful, strong and courageous, she is also young and sexually naive and her journey throughout different realms, with her erstwhile companions, is also a personal quest to discover what and who is important to her and just who she wants to be....

Ending where another adventure is about to begin, I don't know the answer that yet, but I know I am looking forward to finding out.

A delightful and hilarious tale of beauty, beasts and everything in-between, A..K. Wrox (award winning writers, Amanda Wrangles and Kylie Fox) have outdone themselves with wit, talent and imagination. Another bonus about this scrummy number and something I rarely think about let alone mention, is the quality of the publication. The cover is luminous and speaks to its genre and the pages themselves, like one imagines Arrabella's skin (except for one spot in the book), are soft and lovely to touch. Simply holding the book and the act of reading is joyous.

On the whole, a terrific book and story - I don't want this questy thing to end!

Amra Pajalic says

A witty page turner that throws all the tropes out the window and is original and laugh out loud funny.

Rena says

I won this book from First Reads Giveaway. Waiting to read it when I receive it. Thanks.

Dark Matter says

Elizabeth Manthos reviewed this book; for more reviews by Liz, see Elizabeth Manthos on Dark Matter Zine. To see all reviews on Dark Matter Zine, go to Dark Matter Zine's reviews.

To tell you the honest truth, I don't even know where to begin this review let alone be serious, because writing a serious review about a not-so-serious book would be weird.

Arrabella Candellarbra by A K Wrox, the clever pen-name of Australian authors Kylie Fox and Amanda Wrangles, is hands down one of the strangest, funniest and fun books I have ever read.

The story follows Arrabella Candellarbra, a beautiful maiden warrior trained by The Reginas (who literally care called Regina, Regina and Regina) and her quartet of warriors, the perfect specimen of manliness that is Lord Langley Kilkenny, the icicle bearded wizard Gary and the fey fairy regent, Prince Jim.

After starting the bizarre Tri-Towers Quest, they soon find themselves pitted against the evil crone Betty-Sue and have to battle against her many minions, the Sawtoothed Bunnies, the Viscous-Tongued Frogs (complete with superman's heat vision/laser beam eyes) and Barella Monkeys (when it clicks you will laugh) to rescue the Reginas.

But in a novel such as this nothing could go wrong could it? Hah!

This story was remarkably hilarious and filled with more pop-culture references than you can poke a stick at. I found myself laughing out loud at times and gaining respect for these two authors and their ability to pull a story like this off.

With sing-a-long spells, bizarre dance routines to go with the spells, sexual encounters and battles with weird creatures, this book is an adult fairy tale of epic proportions (and there are more things of epic proportions in the novel).

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel with its weird names (Cuppacoffee Mountains), hilariously funny scenes and great characters who really don't take themselves seriously. It was fun to read and I can't wait to read what happens next.

The beautiful cover designed by US artist Ran Valerhon wraps around the novel encasing it and accentuating the magic within. It is by far one of the most beautiful covers I have seen on a novel.

If you're an adult with a sense of humour and love a book that doesn't take itself seriously, this one is definitely for you.
