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Dragons fly, animals can speak and fairies rule over all in the realm they call the Lands, a place that is both beautiful and dangerous. Only one myth remains...Changers, beasts who can morph into any creature at will, and their Accompanies, the mysterious riders who command them. Chaos begins when a Changer called Ionan and his Accompany Keota crash down from the sky. They are found by two orphan wolf pups searching for their mother, and the fairy Kiatana, owner of the Verinian Forest. Kiatana refuses to trust the handsome stranger, or believe the story about his troubled past, but she soon finds she has bigger problems as a plague begins to spread throughout her land, killing all in sight. With no option Kiatana heads out on a quest with Keota, Ionan, the two wolves and her trusty pegasus to find a cure before the forest is destroyed forever. But danger has a way of finding her, and Kiatana isn't sure if she'll survive the road ahead...

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Ksandra says

3.75/5 stars

So, to start out with, it was difficult for me to get into this book. The plot seemed super interesting, but for the first half of the book, the characters were flat and boring. The main protagonist, Kiatana, is supposed to be caring about her animals and such, but instead she is standoffish and seems to ignore the two wolf cubs in her care. The one has nightmares about her mother's death, but Kiatana simply shrugs it off.

Then you have this whole Changer and Accompany aspect. The theory is a cool one- they are matched pretty much at birth and are pretty much forever friends/comrades. The Accompany commands the Changer (who yes, is a shape-shifter) but it's more than that. Their minds and emotions are connected. But the way she first executes the pairing we are introduced to- Keota and Ionan- was lacking in the beginning. There was a conversation I thought should have happened a lot sooner but instead they danced around their connection and such.

The first half of the book also seemed like the author was unsure of where her story was actually heading. There is a plague that is ravaging Kiatana's land and animals, so she goes to save them. Others join her, but then we meet a character that is protecting something. The reader gets invested in that aspect for a chapter, until this character essentially goes "Oh, you aren't the ones that should know, goodbye." Then it switches to Kiatana needing to save her animals and land from being taken over by her betrothed. Plus there was her falling for Keota and the drama that caused.

However, most of the plot lines finally converged and connected, which made the second half easier and quicker to read. The characters also grew and finally gained some dimension. I feel like the author's thoughts were a bit scattered to begin with and then she found her rhythm. Though this book is hard to read at first, I was glad with the end result. I recommend that anyone who is having a hard time with it should keep pushing through.

Disclaimer: I am currently part of a team reviewing this series. I am giving my honest reviews in exchange for free copies of this series

Jackie says

A beautiful story about fairies, and dragons that fly and other magical creatures in a place called the Lands. Kiatana is the fairy in charge. Then a plague comes and she feels all is lost. Amazing story, that kept me in enthralled to the end. Great for young adults and adults alike

Laura says

The writing style was a bit too choppy and Kiatana's attitude left a lot to be desired. This one just wasn't for me.

Hayley Guertin says

Kiatana's Journey was a good read. You were thrown into the story immediately and it got right into the action. We learn of two little wolf pups and then about the Changer, Accompany, and Kiatana, the fairy. It's action packed and very entertaining.

The story was really fast paced, most things happening right away and the back stories and such were scattered throughout the book to keep you guessing. That was a great technique to keep me interested and wanting to read till the end.

The story was quite original with it's story. There were fairies, evil fairies, Changers, Accompanies, and much more. I loved that the book was written in the third person to make it feel like someone was telling me a story which was wonderful.

I can't wait to read the next book in this series! It's super fun and I can't wait to see what happens next. Also, just a side note, the cover of this book is absolutely beautiful! I HAVE to give this book 5 out of 5 stars!

Paula says

Sweet but boring

Sweet fairytale but I read better one. It's long and quite boring. The main character is good but on the beginning I started to think that lovely siblings will be main one. Also having story from many perspectives in one chapter is quite chaotic. However, this story definitely has a lot of magic.

kariny v says

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MY REVIEW

Kiatana rules over her land in peace and harmony. That all changes when a deadly plague starts attacking her animals and the cure is with the unicorns. Keota is an Accompany and his Changer Ionan (he can change into any animal) find themselves in Kia's land in search of an adventure. Kia decides to leave her forest and go in search of the cure along with Ionan, Keota, her pegasus and two wolf cubs who managed to sneak their way into the quest. Her journey is full of danger and unique creatures. And it all ends in a battle to save the land.

This was a fast paced, light hearted read for any of you looking for an adventure! All the characters were super unique. Kia was a headstrong big mouthed character whose sense of bravery was extremely high. Keota was stupid, sweet and an innocent character. Ionan was a wise, jealous but loyal friend. I think my favorite characters were the cubs; Lilja and Lottie. They lost their mother and pack when they were young and now lived in Kia's lands. They were so innocent but full of bravery and love for each other! I think they were the sweetest aspect of the whole book!

It is a kind of dystopian book after all the humans were wiped out from a plague. This is the same plague that is attacking the forests. The settings were always imaginative and very fairytale like! I think you could make

a movie like frozen out of this! There were loads of different creatures; dragons, wolves, shifters, faeries, pegasi, unicorns and loads of other stuff!

The only thing i would say i didn't feel giddy about in this book was the beginning of the romance. I just didn't know why they loved each other, it just like sprang out of nowhere...but overlooking that, the rest of the romance was adorable!

I really LOVED the last two chapters and the epilogue. I was smiling all along especially the parts between Keota and Kia! I know the second book will be another adventure because the epilogue definitely points at another HUGE threat on Kia's forest!

Candace | Evianrei says

Unicorns, dragons, shapeshifters, talking animals, faeries, and magic! Creatures of the Lands (book one) follows Kiatana, a fairy, Keota and Ionan, an *accompany* and his *changer* and several other characters in their quest to seek a cure for an illness that has plagued Kiatana's land.

I have to say, I both enjoyed this book and despised it. It is incredibly corny, cheesy, contradicting, and everyone lives happily ever after! But I liked it, despite the writing tripping over itself to explain something, and every situation going just right or comically wrong (but then right again) it is a decent read.

My favorite characters would have to be; Ionan, Lottie and Lilja, and Snowdrop. The rest were *eh*. I did find the 'afterward' bit of the book interesting, I ended up giving this book a 3/5 star because in the end I did enjoy it, even if I was rolling my eyes the whole time. I bought the whole series for \$9.99 and there are six books, so this one costed roughly \$1.60 and I suppose that isn't a terrible price for a book like this. I do look forward to reading the next book in the series, I'm hoping that the characters I liked in this one will reappear in the next one, we'll see.

I would recommend it for those who want something fantasy related, and don't mind corny, cheesy reads. It is a decent story, it just needs some refinement.

By contradicting itself I mean the following: SPOILERS
(view spoiler)

By corny and cheesy I mean the following: SPOILERS
(view spoiler)

Other issues with this book: SPOILERS
(view spoiler)

Annette says

I got about a chapter in and decided not to waste my time. The author shows nothing and tells all. The characters seemed rather less interesting than the Disney crew my kids are so obsessed with. Dialog is stilted and painful. Very confused by the number of 4 star ratings.

Ann says

I don't normally read fantasy, but the idea of the wolves, fairies, unicorns & changers got my attention. This was a cute fast paced book that made me not want to put it down until I finished. I will be looking for more from this series and also from this author in the future.

Sandy says

When I first got this book it was a free download that just did not come across well so did not want to do a review in March. So I was thrilled when I was able to download it a few days ago. This was a fantastic, magical and wonderful story. It was book that I got caught up in with fairies and a dragon who the book calls a changer. With the description I could just picture the dragon. This was truly a fantasy and fairytale all mixed together. One of the best fantasies I have read. I love Kia and looking forward to reading the other books of the series.

Laurel says

This book was given to me free for an honest review.

Kiatana's Journey is a great book for those who love animals, fairies, adventure and dystopian worlds with romance. This book is filled with an array of diverse characters with varying backgrounds and a unique plot.

The plot of this book is one of its best feature because it is so interesting and it fits with the characters. I do not want to spoil anything so I will leave it at that. Another thing I love about this book is the characters, they are developed very well and are very diverse, as I mentioned before they all have a unique background and are different species. You have fairies, shapeshifters, pegasus, woodland creatures, super humans and more. It is very enjoyable to "watch" them interact with each other and causes you to think about how the real world is full of many different people.

Some things that I did not enjoy about the book was that it was very cliché at times and easy to guess what was coming next. I also feel that the character and plot development was rushed to a point where it was unrealistic. The writing was very choppy and did not flow at points making it difficult to read. Also, at times you were left to your own devices to figure stuff out as it was not always explained with a lot of detail/clarity.

The cover of this book is gorgeous and intriguing and reflects the setting which is very interesting. As I said

before this book is set in a dystopian future where forests and other natural (or not so natural) stuff exists. The setting changes throughout the book but is always very imaginative and creative.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes animals, fairies, adventure and dystopian worlds with romance and has a big imagination.

Jennifer says

Actual rating 2.5 stars

Had me hooked at talking wolf pups! I really enjoyed Lottie and Lilja's story lines. This book was super sweet and had a lot of potential! However, it felt very unpolished and in need of some punctuation and word choice editing. I got annoyed at Kia for frequently lashing out at her friends and charges and calling them rude names one second, then everything being a-okay the next second. I also had issues with some other plot points that I can't discuss without spoilers. I think younger readers might enjoy this more than I did as it was a pretty simple read. I haven't decided yet if I'll be continuing the series to see how the writing and characters mature. I did find the flashback portion in the sneak peak of book 2 very interesting.

Allision says

Meh...

Story flow is uneven. Parts needing more telling are too short and parts needing less are too long. Kia and Keota's relationship goes back and forth between juvenile and complex. Lottie and Lilja's story was better than what the rest of book was meant to be about.

Ashley Martinez (ilovebooksandstuffblog) says

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I really wanted to love this story but I just couldn't. The story itself wasn't bad but what I really couldn't get into were the characters. I think this was supposed to be geared towards ya but it felt younger to me with how the characters were acting. I just couldn't connect with them and their dialogue just didn't feel natural. I did really like the concept and I love fantasy so the different creatures and concept were good. Overall, I'm not sure if I'll continue the series but the end did leave me curious as to what will happen next so I'll probably give the next book a try.

Heather Kirchhoff says

Overall, I liked Kiatana's Journey a little bit, but it annoyed me. This book switched point of views randomly and left me confused at times. It's still a good book, but I wish it stayed with one character telling the story. I also wish it said how many days have passed and divided the point of views. Not switching every other paragraph or page. There were a lot of parts where the characters

got into arguments in the wrong places. It took me out of the action. Also, there was a spot where the characters learn good news, but it should have waited. I mean, they were confronting someone who got away because of the news. Come on.
