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"I'm sorry I didn't slit your throat," Cree growled. "You'd be a heck of a lot quieter right now if I had."

Faeries are supposed to be nice, aren't they? At least that's what Ben thought. Then again, according to some, he was the last Gatekeeper. Charged with closing the portal between his world and the magical world of Em. He'd entered Em by accident and all he wanted was to get back home again.

Cree, however, had different wants. The primary one being to snuff out the life of the interloper laying claim to her late father's role as Gatekeeper. Unfortunately, her mother won't let her do that.

With magical creatures aplenty; friends and foe alike, the two embark on a series of adventures unlike anything you've ever seen before.

Will Ben leave Em forever, or will he fulfill his destiny as the last Gatekeeper and close the gate between the worlds? More importantly, will he survive the volatile purple-haired half-breed faerie out to end his life in the most violent manner imaginable?

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From Reader Review The Book of Em: The Last Gatekeeper for online ebook

Jen says

I really enjoyed this book! It was chosen for our book club and I couldn't put it down. I love the world of Em and all the creatures that were brought to life. I'm not a fan of open endings so I'm hoping there will be more book(s) to let us know what happens next !

Tabi Slick says

The Book of Em: The Last Gatekeeper, by Richard Brant, is probably one of the most creative epic fairy tales I have read in a very long time. It is a tale about a boy named Ben who finds himself enveloped into a world called Em filled with fairies, trolls, goblins, orcs, centaurs and pretty much any other magical creature you can imagine.

The beginning moves at a slower pace, with portions that go into great depths of history weaved throughout the story, but then quickly dives into the life of Ben and the beautiful world of Em. Ben has a mother who sacrificed everything for him and a stepdad who is a wife-beating drunk who would do anything to get his luscious, high-dollar lifestyle back even if it meant killing Ben and his mom in the process. Everything changes for Ben when he discovers Cree, a kick-butt fairy with green hair, and a world that could be even more dangerous than his own.

The story between Cree and Ben is such a breath of fresh air! It is sweet, romantic, and I felt like Brant did a wonderful job capturing just the right amount of flirtatious banter. I found myself constantly rooting for Cree and Ben, both in their missions in Em as well as them as a couple. It is really a love-tale you just have to experience for yourself.

Brant has a wonderful tone that keeps the reader engaged and the world he has created is something that I was definitely not expecting when I first began reading, but everything I hoped it would be and more. This magical adventure is a must read!

Star Rating Report Card:

4.71 Stars out of 5

1) Were the characters believable?

★★★★★ - 5 stars

2) Did you like the characters?

★★★★★ - 5 stars

3) Does the story move at a good pace?

★★★★ - 4 stars

4) Are there holes in the plot?

★★★★★ - 5 stars

5) Is there conflict?

★★★★★ - 5 stars

6) Is the point-of-view consistent?

★★★★ - 4 stars

7) Did you enjoy the story overall?

★★★★★ - 5 stars

Fred Cooper says

Picked this up this book up for free a couple of weeks ago. Wasn't expecting much, but once I read the first page, I couldn't put it down. You know a book is good when you get near the last chapter and you're thinking "No, please don't end! I want you to go on!" Looking forward to the next in the series. Excellent job.

Jennifer Bradley says

I received a free copy in order for a honest review. The story starts with the old gatekeeper of Em saying goodbye to his family. A new gatekeeper taking over as the new gatekeeper of Em a magical place where all sorts of creatures stay. For example Orcs, Imps, Goblins, Fairy's all different sorts. Ben is a 15 year old boy who is trying to get away from his abusive stepfather. But now he has to shut the gate of Em to keep all the magic creatures safe. This book was very funny and a delightful read some of the conversions with the magic creatures where just so funny. Glad I had the chance to read this.

Julia says

Richard Brant very kindly sent me an electronic copy of his book.

I really enjoyed it although I think it may be aimed at a younger reader. There is no shortage of creatures/characters from humans, faeries, right through to dwarfs and orcs.

There is a good balance of humour and excitement. I very much look forward to the next book(s) in the series.

Delores says

Ok, so first off let me say, I found this interesting. I didn't get bored. I was rather uncomfortable with the fact that seemingly none of the women in Em wore much, if any, clothing. That made me feel a little weird...especially with how it affected the guys in the book. Yeah, I know that's how a lot of guys think....but as a woman it made me uncomfortable reading about it with it being so blatantly discussed throughout the book. Overall it was interesting, though.

Vicki says

This is one fantastical book that not only has a compelling and lovely storyline, there are the most amazing drawings included so that your imagination has a companion when envisioning the scenes from the book. I enjoyed the humor that kept cropping up, it kept the story fresh and interesting. There are so many mystical creatures in this book, it is a delightfully told story.

Cree and Ben are such a pleasure to read about as they set upon a journey neither of them can be sure of the outcome. They are surrounded by hints of dangers and yet they travel on. It is really well told and such an enjoyable read. I can recommend this to anyone that loves fantasy, or if you are like me and like to stick a toe in every once in a while to see if the water is fine. In this book the water is perfection.

Raikiri1992 says

I really like the concept of this story: fantasy with some modern elements. Only the elaboration of this story confused me. The storytelling is a bit childish, with the too-clear descriptions and the thoughts of the characters spelled out. But this story handles themes that are not suitable for young children, instead it seems to be aimed at teenagers/young adults. I would have liked a narration style more appropriate for the intended audience.

It was still an amusing read. The fantasy world of Em seems beautifully created. The artwork of the book is also a nice touch.

I would have given the book a higher rating if the storytelling hadn't limited my immersion into the story and the fantasy world of Em. Maybe it's just me who's bothered by it. People who don't mind the style of storytelling will surely enjoy this book.

Richard Gartee says

I didn't know what to expect when I got this book on Kindle. It is apparently a book aimed at teenagers, with doses of swearing, mild references to sex and impending sexual liaison between the main characters Ben and Cree that isn't consummated until the end (or is it?) Domestic violence at home drives Ben into the woods where he encounters a half naked fairy, Cree, who is destined to be his mate. He crosses in to her world, Em, which is populated by fairies, elves, dwarfs, trolls, centaurs, orcs, goblins, etc. The violence in Em is worse, goblins eating their own children, creatures whacking away at each other with axes, swords, maces. Yet, the battles in Em have the distinct feel of an author who has played a lot of World of Warcraft or similar video games.

Aliya DalRae says

Holy. Cow! If you love myth and fairy tale, then this is the story for you! Chock full of every creature, foul and fair, you have ever imagined, The Book of Em: The Last Gatekeeper will keep you engaged from beginning to end. Fifteen-year-old Ben is a force to be reckoned with when he finds himself embroiled in the affairs of this fantastical world. Cree, his teenage fairy protector and accomplice, brings color and humor to the story, with her feisty banter and never-say-die attitude. Where these two lead, adventure is sure to follow. Fast paced with a sweet love story that will have you cheering the whole way through. The best part? There is more to come! Keep writing, Mr. Brant. Your fans are waiting!

Entrada Book Review says

The Book of Em: the Last Gatekeeper is a rousing fantasy tale. Fifteen-year-old Ben runs into the woods from his abusive home and finds a fantastic world of fairies and goblins. He becomes the Last Gatekeeper in the title, and is the only one who can save this wondrous world.

The plot is a familiar one, a wandering romp of a coming of age tale in a fantasy world. Strange allies, stranger enemies, teenage problems...the male and female protagonist have both in spades. There's nothing particularly original here, but it's fun. The author opted to go with traditional creatures of fantasy and traditional sorts of names, instead of the difficult to pronounce or remember names and beings you see in a lot of similar books.

Sprinkled throughout the novel are illustrations of characters and scenes, done well and never distracting. They could stand to be cleaned up digitally a bit, but there is a charm to their sketchbook style.

The writing fits for a book aimed at kids in their mid-teens (the age of the protagonists). Ben lapses into the 'this is impossible' cliché at the beginning and there is some juvenile cursing, the kind you get from teens who have just learned how to cuss. There are a lot of mature themes, including abuse, alcoholism, drugs, and missing parents. This is a lighter novel, but it isn't very fluffy. These challenges are met with courage and honor, however, and are never dwelled on or presented as positive in any way.

The Book of Em is set up to be the first of a series, with a prophecy to fulfill and at least one world yet to be quite saved. The second novel, The Book of Em: A Dragon's Tears, is being written. If you're looking for a light but still intense read about a coming-of-age or two, pick it up.

Janet Arroyo says

I would like to thank Richard Brant for my free e-book of "The/Book of Em: The Last Gatekeeper" in exchange for an honest review. Wow this is really a cool book great for readers of all ages. There's a little bit of "foul" language and a situation of domestic violence which could be used as a teaching tool for younger readers. The storyline is great. It revolves around Ben (Gatekeeper) and Cree (Half faerie, Half human) and every kind of mystical creature found in our fairy tales. Ben has to save the land of Em from human discovery. This book has plenty of action, adventure, suspense, and drama. This is the first book in the series and I can hardly wait for the next one. The author has done a great job of pulling everything together into one fantastic book. I highly recommend it.

Rose Channing says

I think I found my new favorite book! Wow. Just wow. I know I've found a really special book when I have difficulty writing a review because I can't pinpoint the one thing I loved most about it, but I'll try to say something because WOW. The story flowed along perfectly, unfolding the world's history/info at just the right times so it didn't slow it down, all leading up to an epic final battle and setup for a sequel that I simply can't wait for! The relationship between Ben and Cree, the friendships among the other magical beings, all the fun little twists and turns along the way--it all made for an excellent read. Magic, adventure, humor, danger and fun, this book has it all! I couldn't put it down, so I suggest you pick it up!

Nikki says

I didn't connect to the story, but this could just be me. The concept was interesting and the artwork was awesome

Megan White says

Okay, this one did it for me! I laughed out loud at several parts, I cheered on the characters you can't help but love, and I even let an "awww" or two escape, with the floating hearts and all! This fun novel is well worth the read!
