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Brittany says

The book is a beautiful story about friendship, a heroine, and a quest to kill a dragon. Who wouldn't be excited? The entire concept sounded interesting and I was not at all disappointed.

The character of Henrietta was quite different from all other characters I have read about. She was very tough and stubborn. Rarely, if ever, did she show her soft side. I found myself actually liking her a lot. She was a very strong leader and hero. Usually, the main character in books I read is weak and kind of whiny. Henrietta on the other hand, was a nice change.

As for the plot, it was good but I felt as if it were lacking a bit. I was really hoping to see at least some fragments of a love story, but unfortunately there were none. Only towards the end of the book could I start to see some love emotions developing. There also wasn't a whole lot about dragon slaying or dragon slayers. Thankfully, it didn't take away from the story. The ending was perfect and wrapped up the story nicely!

Beth's writing style was extraordinary! I really felt as if I were following Henrietta and her crew on their journey, due to the detail that Beth captured. I hope to read more of her books in the future!

Overall, this book was great and I highly suggest it to those who like adventure and fantasy. It is hard to capture the book in this review, so I recommend you reading it yourself when the Kindle Edition comes out on February 28th!

Tami Winbush says

Reading about Henrietta and her three unusual companions gave me pause for laugh and contemplation. Their bond went from unsure to friend so seamlessly I nearly missed it.

I truly enjoyed Henrietta learning who she was and how that fit into how people saw her now.

Franc became the hard headed male you love to love and you don't even know why.

Paulette truly scared me for a while. I didn't know what to think of her and her fire-talent and rage.

Jaxter, always the glue that held the group together, was a joy to learn and get to know.

Beth Barany has made a world where unlikely friendships rule and being a friend means more than you can know.

Lunamoth says

Henrietta the dragon slayer is a charming book set in a fantasy world. Henrietta has slayed many dragons in her short life and has resigned not to take any more jobs, but when a pushy knight named Franc implores her

to follow him to his lands and slay Mimoto the dragon she hesitates, until she learns her mentor, Master Chen is sick and only the Dragonitas from Mimoto can save him does she embark on her quest.

The cast of *Henrietta, The dragon slayer* consists of Henrietta, the fiery warrior woman with a sharp tongue and stubborn attitude. The stoic and harsh knight Franc, Jaxter the jester and a witch-girl Paulette. Unlikely traveling companions, they mesh well and no personalities conflict with another's. Each person has a distinct personality and I found myself really liking them all.

As far as writing goes, *Henrietta The Dragon Slayer* is fluid, easy to read and reads well. There is no swearing and no sexual content, there is a little action but no bloodfests. Though it says 'dragon slayer' in the title, you won't see Henrietta fighting any, we hear of her exploits in Jaxter's tales only. The world in which they reside is not explained in great detail but I did not mind this so much, Barany did not hamper the writing with telling about every single rock and tree the companions come across.

As far as young adult fantasies go, *Henrietta, The Dragon Slayer* is a good read that I think any age, teen to adult, would enjoy. I only hope a sequel is in the works!

Tahlia Newland says

This is a great book and a wonderful addition to the YA fantasy market. Henrietta is a tough cookie and a delightful character, but what is really great about this book is the way she develops as a person through the story. A nice cast of supporting characters too, all growing as the story progresses. The interactions between them are very well done. Definitely one to read if you like this genre. The story is refreshingly different to a lot of others around too.

April says

HENRIETTA, THE DRAGON SLAYER by Beth Barany is a YA paranormal/fantasy. The first in the "Five Kingdoms" series. It is written with depth and details. The characters are interesting, compelling and will capture your heart. Henrietta is a young, fiery, female dragon slayer, who we never see slay a dragon, only hear of her exploits through others, but she does not want to slay dragons any longer. Franc, a knight who is very pushy, is sent by the king of Plumaria to enlist Henrietta's help to slay the dragon, Mimoto. When Henrietta is approached for the task she first refuses until she learns that her mentor, Master Chen, is sick and dying and only one of the Dragonitas from Mimoto can save him, she then agrees. Henrietta, the dragon slayer, Franc, the knight, Jaxter, the jester, and Paulette, the apprentice witch set out on an adventure that includes hardships, friendship, and slaying a dragon along their way to Plumaria. This is a good, fun read for young adults and older adults also who enjoy magic, fantasy, mysticism, dragons, and little to no violence. This is a fun summer read. This book was received for the purpose of review from the author and details can be found at Firewolf Books and My Book Addiction and More.

Graeme Ing says

This is a fun book with all the essential elements of a YA quest adventure. We have the feisty heroine on a

mission to save her mentor, a trainee witch, a noble knight and a food-obsessed bard/jester. Henrietta's mission gets more complicated as it goes along, and it is paced well. There are some good sword battles, a dragon, magic, a sea journey... all good stuff.

The characters are well described and play well off each other, and not always in a good way, which brings a constant sense of drama to the quest journey. The author brings the world to life with exciting details, wonderful names for people and places, and snippets of song and legend. I felt invested in the world, but thankfully the author didn't overdo the description, and avoided the trap of verbose backstory and an account of every town and river. Good job.

What stopped it getting 5 stars, for me, was the author's habit of revealing a little too much, whereas I felt the reader, even the YA reader, should have the satisfaction of piecing together some of the plot details stated in the narrative. That, and the ending felt a little haphazard, especially concerning the magic.

It didn't ruin the ending though, and there's a satisfying major twist. A fun read.

Jessica says

I need to start this review by saying that I absolutely adore Henrietta's character! Thank you to Beth Barany for writing such a spitfire and strong female character. Henrietta isn't the type to back down from a fight, but she also won't go looking for them either. She's strong enough to know who she is. On top of that, despite her renown as a dragon slayer, Henrietta can't stomach the thought of another kill. All she wants is peace and quiet. That is, until she is swept off on another epic adventure! Henrietta was a breath of fresh air in a sea of whiny female characters. I'm smitten with her.

Along with Henrietta, we meet her motley crew of adventurers. From a knight with an acidic attitude, to a court jester who just wants to tag along for the stories to tell, they are an amazing group of people. I enjoyed that Barany allowed them to each be so different. The interactions between them are fun to read, and they each bring a little bit of their expertise in various areas to the story. Best of all, each character is explained enough to feel as though you know them, without being overly done. Perfection.

There were only a few things that kept this book from being on my list of absolute favorites. The first being that there wasn't very much dragon slaying action. From the title, I assumed (which you should never do I know) that there would be epic battles in this story. In fact, most of the battling of dragons is done in the stories that are told about Henrietta's past. I kind of understood why this was. Henrietta wasn't eager to dive into the battle at the beginning of the story, and so it does make sense that she wouldn't want to get into any trouble if she could avoid it later on.

The other thing I really missed was world building. Although this doesn't really take away from the overall story, which is fantastic, there wasn't very much said about where Henrietta's story was actually taking place. References are made to forests, plains, etc., but you never know much more than that. As a lover of fantasy I'm a stickler for good world building. I'm hoping that since this is the first in the series I'll get to know a bit more about Henrietta's world later on!

Honestly, Henrietta the Dragon Slayer is an excellent read! As I said it is the first in a series, so there will be more of stoic Henrietta and her adventures. I cannot wait! I look forward to seeing where the story takes her, and applaud Beth Barany for writing such a strong character.

Beth Barany says

I absolutely loved this book! I wrote it! The sequel is on its way! [UPDATE] The sequel was published in 2014 and now the third and final book in the series is out now!

Bonnie Dale Keck says

Not kindle unlimited, read the prequel {listed at bottom of all this} and then found had the #1 book, which didn't like as well as the prequel but then again those are made to be short and if you realize it is prequel obviously there is only so much going in to it, but a lot considering but liked this.

She's a legend at 17, but only Henrietta knows the price she paid for her fame ... and it was much too high. Henrietta, the legendary Dragon Slayer of Bleuve, can't face the thought of another kill. She's lost family, friends and home on her rocky road to fame. But when the young warrior is summoned by a King to retrieve the Dragon Stone from the last dragon in existence, she can't refuse--her mentor lies dying, and the healing stone is all that can save him. This quest will be her most harrowing of all, for it means facing mysterious assassins, the dreaded choppy sea, and all with a misfit band--a young witch, a jester and a surly knight. And at journey's end, someone must die ... the dragon, or Henrietta.

{Also has Henrietta the Dragon Slayer: A very short PREQUEL}

Updated edition! Henrietta Dragon Slayer series

Henrietta The Dragon Slayer, Book 1

Henrietta and the Dragon Stone, Book 2

Henrietta and the Battle of the Horse Mesa, Book 3

Gladys says

Henrietta the Dragon Slayer by Beth Barany is book #1 in The Five Kingdoms series. This was a very good book. I really loved that it had a strong female hero. Henrietta is only 17 and legend. The road she has traveled been far from easy and it has cost her too much. She is tired and wishes to be left in peace but when the King calls you must answer. This is an engaging book that is full of adventure, humor and emotions. I enjoyed this book and eagerly look forward to the next book in the series. I voluntarily reviewed an ARC copy of this book.

Shabnam says

Synopsis :

Henrietta, the legendary Dragon Slayer of the Kingdom of Bleuve, can't stomach the thought of one more kill. Yet, in order to save her dying mentor, she must go on one last quest. But will the quest for the healing stone be derailed by misfit companions, seasickness, and an egomaniacal king? And will she be able to cut

past her conscience and kill the dragon?

Rating : 4/5

Review :

When we come across story books based on bravery, it is always a gallant, invincible, handsome man who is the leading character and the representative of strength and bravery. To come across ass kicking dragon slayer is very rare that also a woman!

The story begins with Henrietta, the legendary Dragon Slayer being almost forced by Sir Franc, knight to the Royal and Mighty King Singfan de Plumare de'Oro, the First, to come out of her life of retirement into dragon slaying once again. She gets mocked by him, is accused of false storytelling yet doesn't agree to accompany him. However, she is that very night informed of her master's illness. The solution leading to the same tasked the knight wishes her to assign to. She takes a little witch, Paulette along with her, whom she is supposed to drop to her own village on the way, and starts for the journey but is joined unwilling to her choice by the knight, Franc and the jester (an old friend of Franc and admirer of Henrietta), Jexter; all towards the way hunt for Dracontias - Franc's has demanded for it and Henrietta is in need of it to save her dying mentor.

As they travel far and across lands, they face danger, betrayal, killing and misery. But the new found bond between the four is unbreakable. The betrayal makes Henrietta doubts King Singfan's aims in getting hold of the Dracontias yet she does not back up. She hears the Guardians of the Dracontias to recognise herself, to save all. Though she enters the palace and confirms the deal with the King she senses immense danger and before killing the Dragon she backs off.

What happens next is not my tale to tell but the reader's curiosity to discover.

This book kept me glued till the end and keep my heart beating fast. I totally am in love with the pairing of Franc and Henrietta cause why should I? It's so exciting! Thanks to the author for introducing me to such a luscious, exciting, adventurous read. Can't wait to dig into? the next book.

For those who love kick ass female lead characters with great adventure and fights as also some romance to brighten up the mood, I totally recommend it.

SARIT says

The full review is on - <http://sarityahalomi.blogspot.com/201...>

Even though the action is slow to build, the story will quickly suck you in. The plot in short:

Henrietta has slayed many dragons in her short life and has resigned not to take any more jobs. But then a pushy knight named Franc implores her to follow him to his Islands of del Oro in purpose of slaing Mimoto the Emerald Dragon. She sick from killing she refuse to come, until she learns her mentor, Master Chen is sick. Only the Dragonitas from Mimoto can save his life.

The team (Each person has a distinct personality and I found myself really liking them all) in this quest consists of . :

Henrietta, premier Scout of Rafania, Sergeant de Bleuve, known as Henrietta de Rafania - She's a smart, strong, independent young woman. And she can also hold her own in a fight and a fiery warrior woman with a sharp tongue and stubborn attitude. Henrietta is also, a very private, solitary person.

Henrietta is a fascinating character - At 17, she's served in the army, gained renown as a dragon slayer, and walked away from it all. Now, she's made a habit of isolating herself, and while she's an excellent warrior, she balks at killing. She acquired a group of companions she would much rather do without in time. But till the end she will learn to love them all, in her own way.

There's plenty of tension--Henrietta is one big ball of tension--and as the story progresses, you begin to understand her more and more. Henrietta is old before her time - she's tired, she's alone, and she's lost her purpose, drifting by from town to town and singing her own adventures to earn her keep. She is also afraid of sailing, which is a problem as the dragon live on an island.

Sir Franc de Plumare de'Oro - is an arrogant foreign knight who demands from Henrietta to accompany him back to his king, who has need of her dragon-slaying services and he isn't taking no for an answer.

Jaxter Renaldo the bard /the jester - who wants to go an adventure with the hero whose songs he sings. Surprisingly, discovered as a very good cook. Very likeable character and he who keeps the group together.

Witch-girl in training Paulette- Dreamy, quiet and mischievous. A girl who needs to be escorted home in return for the witch's favor. Henrietta helps Paulette become more mature and causes her to think before she acts a little bit more. Paulette shows Henrietta that it's okay to care for people and to let them in.

Henrietta The Dragon Slayer is fluid, easy to read and reads well. There is no swearing and no sexual content, there is a little action but no blood fests.

Overall this is a fun book with all the essential elements of a YA quest adventure. Though it says 'dragon slayer' in the title, you wont see Henrietta fighting , we only hear of her exploits in Jaxters tales.

In the base of the story - The quest and the journey are symbols for how a person , must face his own dragons. Also, the writer put strong emphasis on friendship and trust and team working.

Kelly Peterson says

I received an e-copy of this book from the author which in no way influences my opinions expressed below.

This review was originally posted on Live, Love, Read.

<https://livelovereaddy.wordpress.com/...>

As a whole, Henrietta The Dragon Slayer was a wonderful book. I loved Henrietta as a character and I truly

enjoyed getting to know the side characters as well. Following them on their journey to conclude Henrietta's quest brought this feeling of fulfillment and happiness to me as a reader, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

What I Loved:

1. Henrietta...

She was such a wonderful character and reminded me a lot of what I hope my future main character is like. Her character development was beautiful as you saw her slowly let go of her stubborn attitude and let her closed off walls crumble a little bit. Reading as she interacted with everyone around her and learning more about her personality truly made her come alive as not just a character on a page, but a person who has been hurt before and isn't sure she is willing to let that happen again. Henrietta was a beautiful character and a true to life representation of many people I know, especially in a world like today where most aren't too forgiving.

2. The storyline...

I really enjoyed reading this book because of the story line. It's a plot that I have yet to see in any books I have read and I honestly loved following it. It was less about actually slaying a dragon and more about the characters truly finding themselves and finding their "home", so to speak. Keep this in mind when you read it! Don't go into this book thinking that there is just going to be blood and guts everywhere from a dragon slayer doing her job. This book has a lot more depth than that!

3. The secondary characters...

Meeting the secondary characters in this book was a nice breath of fresh air. They brought elements (haha, pun intended) to the story that really helped to round out Henrietta's stubborn and sometimes irritable nature. It was nice to read about secondary characters who could handle that type of personality with ease and restraint and allow Henrietta to open up on her own time.

4. There was no romantic attraction...

This was GREAT! I really wanted to read a book where the heroine was more focused on the task at hand, on finding herself and solving her problems, BEFORE she got into a romantic relationship. This is EXACTLY what I needed and I'm so thankful that Beth wrote her novel this way. Henrietta solved her problems before you even started to see some kind of romance well up in her heart. Even then, it was only hinted enough to make you want more and to find out what happens! She made herself happy before she let herself fall in love, and I can't even say fall in love because she really isn't in love yet... she's just living her life the way she has always wanted to. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU Beth Barany for loving Henrietta so much that you made her fall in love the way she's supposed to; with trust, friendship, and a solid idea of who she is.

What I Wanted More Of:

1. Description, description, description...

I saw this a lot while there were long sequences of dialogue happening. During the dialogue, I would find my mind stopping mid sentence and trying to picture what the main characters are doing. I felt like the book needed a bit more description so that my mind could not just follow along with their conversation but truly

picture what it was they were doing while talking. This description is what helps people to get lost in books and I feel like if there was a little bit more of it in the actual dialogue scenes, my mind would be able to follow along a little bit easier. I kept getting caught up as I was able to picture everything with perfect clarity while the characters weren't talking, and then the picture would disappear as I read long dialogues.

2. Answers...

I'm assuming many of the unanswered questions will be addressed in the sequel, which I'm very excited to read, by the way!!! The only questions I honestly wished was addressed was towards the end when Henrietta was exhausted. It was hinted that she may be under a spell, but within a few scenes, she was back to being fine with no actual answer as to what happened to her to make her so tired. Even if it is answered in the sequel, alluding to the correct answer in a way that made the reader sure she was under a spell would put my mind a little more at ease. Even if I didn't find out who put her under that spell until the sequel, I'd be able to read on knowing that I still had to figure out who it was that did that to her and why?!

Overall, I honestly loved reading about Henrietta the Dragon Slayer and I can't wait to read the sequel! I'm giving this book four stars!

<3 Kelly

Lindsay says

This book was fun. No doubt about it. And I can definitely get behind a strong female lead, which Henrietta is. I'm just not sure if I like her much. Actually, none of the characters were overly likeable. They did begin to grow on me, but it took a long time to get there.

The book, to me, felt like it was half formed. Don't get me wrong, it's a wonderful vision. It just needed to go a little further. For example, I wanted to know more about why Henrietta was no longer slaying dragons. How did she get to this point?? Some terrible thing is hinted at a few times, but never developed. *I WANT TO KNOW!*

I may be nit picking a little, but Henrietta's stomach bothered me. She was constantly having indigestion, to the point that I wondered if someone was poisoning her. Was this an abandoned plot point or just a limited way of saying that she had anxiety issues?

On a plus side, I often have a hard time reading indie books when the copy editing has been skipped. I am pleased to announce that the typos in the book probably numbered less than 20. No, I wasn't counting, but it made for a much smoother flow to the book.

Overall, I would recommend this book. It should have been longer, to allow the characters the time they needed to develop, and the plot the time it needed to fill out. But in the end, it was a good teen read, and I can imagine many a young girl wishing they were Henrietta, the Dragon Slayer.

Anastasia Pergakis says

I'll be completely honest and say I was a bit leary about it at first, as I'm not a fan of books about slaying dragons! I love dragons too much. BUT, never fear, no dragons were harmed in the making of this book! I have to say I really enjoyed reading this story. Henrietta is exactly the type of heroine I love to read about. She can handle her self in a fight but that doesn't mean she necessarily goes looking for trouble either.

Henrietta is a girl that can't stand the thought of killing one more dragon – or anything for that matter. She simply wants to live her life. But, when her mentor falls ill she is forced into a quest to get a healing stone to save him. But that requires one more kill. Can she do it!? Well, you'll have to read the story to find out!

It was a great read – I read it in one sitting. The dialogue and really the whole tone of the book made for excitement from the first line. Beth Barany did a fabulous job grabbing me right from the beginning with this story. I highly recommend this story to anyone who is a fan of fantasy and kick-butt heroines. It's really a great book to have in your collection.
