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An all-powerful, enchanted mailshirt from the stars. Six links are missing. An orphan, a streetwise urchin and a swordsman must find the links before the greatest evil known descends upon Qzar. Jelindel dek Mediesar led a charmed life until Lindrak assassins murdered her family. Fleeing to the markets, Jelindel dresses as a boy to avoid detection. Here she teams up with Zimak, a street-wise urchin, and Daretor, a warrior on a quest to destroy an alien artifact. Murder, betrayal and deceit are just some of the hurdles they must face in order to find the missing links from a star-dwellers' mailshirt six powerful links, whose individual powers are nothing compared with that of the complete mailshirt.

Dragonlinks Details

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Chloe Woodward says

This is an awesome book about a royal girl named Jelindel who's family all get killed. She disguises herself as a boy and goes out into the world where finds work at a nearby village as a scribe. This is where she meets Zimak, a boy who carries messages for the scribes. Through Zimak, and after a series of events, she meets Daretor, a lone swordsmen. Through a huge epic journey the orphan, the message boy and the swordsmen travel the land of Q'zar to find the magic links of a llegendary, all-powerful mailshirt from the stars before a great evil descends upon the land.

I LOVE this book and i recommend it to everybody!!!!!!!!!!!!

Michelle Hallsworth says

I read this novel when I was 13 years old, and I absolutely adored it and it's sequels. Jelindel was one of the first heroines that I connected to almost instantly. Although we were in entirely different situations, Jelindel and I shared so many common traits, a love of literature and adventure, and an inherent belief that there was more out there than what we knew.

I recently saw this novel in a book store and could hardly believe my luck; I'd been searching for what felt like an eternity for this book (although it was only 5 years). At 18 years old I re-read this novel and it only reaffirmed my original conclusion. I still feel connected to Jelindel, Paul Collins has done a phenomenal job of creating a character that young girls can look up to and explore the world through, and it gave me the same feelings of excitement and adventure this time through as I remember it doing half a decade ago.

A novel that can be enjoyed preteens and adults alike, and is definitely worth a read, no matter how old you are. I would recommend it and its sequels for anyone 13+.

Erin says

Best book ever! I absolutely loved this book and just could not put it down. The twists, shocking revelations and mystery will keep the reader in suspenseful longing. After reading this I am desperate to keep reading the series. Is it truly one of those books you wish would never end.

If you don't particularly like reading and need a book full of action and unexpected twists to keep you hooked this is it! An unbelievable and incredibly well written book about adventure, loyal and honour that will keep u wishing for more and that people 13+ will treasure and love.

Ivan says

Read this book after picking it somewhat randomly off the library shelf. It was a fairly good tale with some moderately relatable characters and a somewhat interesting storyline. Parts of it did not come together well for me, so I am only giving it three stars. Enjoyed reading it but would not rush to recommend it to others.

Kathy says

There is a lot about this book that I thoroughly enjoyed. It consisted of a rich and detailed world which followed its own rules about magic consistently. The story mostly follows the quest of a young girl scholar, Jalindel, to find all the dragonlinks which are powerful weapons. There are many twists and turns along the way and political plots and intrigues which keep it interesting, although I did sometimes find myself confused about certain events.. But all in all, it was a fast paced adventure starring a character with a brain which (when her cramps weren't being considered) was a pleasure to read. I look forward to book 2.

Lynda says

'The Jelindel Chronicles' is one of those series that you love to read so you can track the characters through exciting quests and coming-of-age turning points in their lives. Paul Collins has written an action-packed, fantasy saga, full of twists and turns. In this quest of good versus evil, Jelindel is a young 14 year old daughter of the noble Mediesar family, who are slaughtered one night by the evil Preceptor and his ally Fa'red. The 14-year-old Countess Jelindel is the only one to escape, and disguised as a boy, Jaelin, lives on her wits in D'Loom until drawn into the saga of the Dragonlinks – a two-year quest for finding, reuniting and finally destroying all the chain mail links from a magical, destructive chain of armour, reputedly belonging to an ancient god who had fallen to earth and been destroyed.

In her quest, Jaelin/Jelindel gets mixed up with the noble young warrior, Daretor, who is under a cloud, and with Zimak, a street urchin and thief who has no honour and who, like Daretor, has a dark secret. The arcane knowledge and power she discovers as she slowly tracks down the mailshirt and links, leads to her taking on the magical powers of an Adept, outwitting and defeating many more powerful Adepts and adversaries. By the end of Book 1, 'Dragonlinks', Jelindel has seemingly resolved the problem of the mailshirt, but Daretor and Zimak suffer a horrible fate. Paul Collins has written 'Dragonlinks' with lots of verve, wry humour and originality, and this first book in the series ends with a bitter twist. Looking forward to reading the rest of the 4-part series. This book reminds me of other series I've enjoyed such as 'The Gift' by Alison Croggon; 'Deltora Quest' & 'Rondo' by Emily Rodda; 'The Ranger's Apprentice' by John Flanagan.

Robert Jiang says

a good book, i had no clue that it was the boy who had the last lnk even though it gave many clues

Petra says

Great read!

Melanie says

I love this book to DEATH. I've read it through four or five times, and the same goes for the the sequel Dragonfang, which is almost as good as the original - and though Dragonsight and Wardragon are perhaps not as brilliant as these first two novels in the series, they're nothing to sneer at, because they're all wonderful.

Brilliance! Paul Collins has created loveable, interesting characters that you become enthralled with from the first word. And the world he creates is amazing - simply amazing, the magic and the creatures and the mystery, the romance! You couldn't ask for anything more in these books.

I'll keep reading them for the rest of my life and never tire of the stories.

Nikki says

Good, but the heroine a little .. too strong? I love her, but I saw it a little unrealistic after completely changing her life like that not to see more regret, especially loosing those who became her adoptive kinda family as well after that. Love her smarts however, and I didn't guess the twists. :)

Michelle Taylor says

This book is the start of a rather good series involving magic, fighting and betrayal of all kinds.

A little girl of the age of 14 escapes the assassination of her entire family by pure luck and is forced to go from being part of a noble, rich family to attempting to survive on the streets of the city. To stop anyone who might mean her harm she dresses up as a boy in hopes this will also help her find a way to earn some money as well.

Jelindel, manages to find work as a scribe and even make a friend with a street urchin but the two of them suddenly get involved with a mysterious enchanted mailshirt that has everyone after them.

During this book she grows and starts to find her place again in the world. The connections formed with other characters and her own personal growth is expressed really well. The 'bad guys' are also interesting, and yet the stage for when you know no good will come to our heros as long as they are around.

TheCosyDragon says

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Jelindel's family has been murdered, and she is just struggling to survive out in the real world. Throw in a thief and a warrior consumed with honour, and you find that they make an incredible team. Which is good, because they're trying to hunt down missing links of a chain mail shirt in order to destroy it forever.

The characters are fleshed out nicely, and I was able to empathise with them. The only complaint I continue to have is that the characters don't really show much growth - particularly Jelindel's sidekicks. Even Jelindel

herself doesn't change much, except to be more plucky.

Something I truly respect about Jelindel is her search for knowledge for knowledge's sake. I couldn't understand why she just didn't take all the skills from the dragon links! More skills are never a bad thing. Even if she didn't use the powers (which wouldn't seem very honourable), they would still be useful to have waiting around. That might have made the following books more exciting in terms of her abilities. Simple binding words get way too much importance - or maybe that the simplest things in life work best.

The plot is quite straightforward, but there are some diversions from the set path that you can't begin to predict. My partner had trouble getting into it, she's a slow reader. She commented the beginning was quite slow. I like the beginning! But I've always enjoyed simple things like learning lessons and working in an everyday life just for a change.

I have reread this series more than once over the years, but obviously not for 3+ years now! I would choose it as an excellent novel for reluctant female readers, or to a beginning fantasy reader.

Maria Teresa says

Dos livros mais banháticos que já li! Até certa altura até parecia engraçado, eis senão quando um dos personagens abre um portal para um mundo paralelo (até aqui tudo bem) MAS o mundo paralelo tem os nossos hospitais e as ambulâncias são designadas de dragões!!!!
Mesmo assim acho que vou ler os 2 seguintes da saga. Só para confirmar.

Alayne says

It took me a long time to get into this book. I liked Jelindel, and Zimak was pleasant to start with, but after awhile he really started to annoy me. The story was interesting and unusual and in the end I enjoyed it.

Yvonne Boag says

Jelindel is a teenager watching the stars when all her family and friends are killed. Disguised as a boy she makes her living as a scribe in a market place where she meets Zimack who gets paid to run messages. Through him she eventually meets Daretor, a swordsman. Through events that are forced upon them they travel together seeking links that are part of an aienl mail shirt that has the power to change the seat of power in the world. So naturally, everyone else wants it as well...

I started out really enjoying this book but started losing interest in it half way through. The characters aren't very well defined and you are not sure what their motivation is. I kept reading to find out what happened but found the ending quite unsatisfactory. I don't think I'm interested enough to read the rest of the series.
