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Journey back to the planet Celta with award-winning author Robin D. Owens in this novel about shadowed enemies and unimaginable psi power.

Muin “Vinni” T’Vine has been the prophet of Celta since he was six years old. A unique and lonely child, his strong psi power made most people wary of him. But now that he’s older, he’s ready to marry and protect the girl he’s known as his HeartMate for years.

Avellana isn't as fragile as Vinni believes...nor as compliant. She fights to be considered Vinni's equal and a strong member of her Family and community. Both of them have kept Avellana's main power secret for over a decade.

But rumors of her strange psi talent are spreading, and Vinni is experiencing premonitions of danger to Avellana—even from the highest people of the land. When the whispers become threats, Vinni and Avellana must discover and defeat their secret enemies before they can finally claim happiness together.

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From Reader Review Heart Sight for online ebook

namericanwordcat says

4.5 Stars

A long awaited book between Vinni and Avalenna that mostly delivers.

Robin Owens had such a difficult task for herself in writing this romance between childhood sweethearts. She does a great job.

This is a book for those of us who already love the series but has so many layers I think anyone would enjoy it.

The love story here is between two friends one of whom has been the protector of the other and had more power in the relationship coming together as equals. But also, dealing with all the baggage that comes with a long term relationship as well as attending to their personal growth.

There is plenty of action as someone is out to make marriage not happen but the most compelling parts to me were all the internal and character driven conflicts. I especially loved the inter faith aspects of the couple and making life of two faiths that the book explores.

The world building and magical animals is grand as always as is the lovely cant of Owens writings in this one of my favorite series of all time.

This series arc is closed here with the rooting out of what I hope are the last of this set of villains Can't wait for the next adventure to begin.

Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

After a rocky start (I didn't like the first book, Heart Mate, the first time I tried to read it), Celta's Heartmates has become one of my all-time favorite series. I look forward to the new book every year, and read it as soon as I get my hands on it.

As I did this year. In spite of the towering TBR pile, and reading commitments now stretching into February, I devoted one glorious day returning to Celta.

Celta is one of those places, like Pern (Anne McCaffrey), Darkover (Marion Zimmer Bradley) and Harmony (Jayne Castle) that sits right on the dividing line between fantasy and science fiction.

All of these series read like fantasy, where the residents have some kind of special powers – and of course

Pern has dragons. But all of these worlds, including Celta, are lost Earth colonies, and their human residents arrived by spaceship sometime in the dim past of their planet. A dim past that they rediscover during the course of the series – or one that rediscovers them.

Celta and Pern are standouts in one particular aspect – they both feel liveable. These worlds are internally self-consistent, and, for lack of a better word, they both feel “real”. And they both feel like places where it would be not just possible, but actually reasonable, to live.

If only we could.

The Celta’s Heartmates series also features the best use of the fated mate trope I think I’ve ever seen. Some, but far from all, of the people of Celta have heartmates. And if they have them, they do discover who that person is during their rites of passage where they come into their “flair” (read as psychic or ESP) powers.

But the road is never easy.

Just because you know who your soulmate is, does not mean that the course of love will run smooth. There have been stories in the series where someone’s heartmate has died young, or where the protagonists just don’t have heartmates and have to make do with good, old-fashioned love.

The story in Heart Sight, however, is about two heartmates who are on a road that is filled with rocks, ruts and roadblocks, many of which have been put in place by Vinni T’Vine, the Oracle of Celta, all by himself. Unfortunately for him, the relationship that he’s messed up is his own, and his heartmate has finally called him on his manipulations and general oracular bullshit.

Because the one future that Vinni can’t see is his own. And the person most closely tied to that future is his heartmate Avellana. He can’t see her future, because he can’t see his. But he can sense when her future holds danger. Just not how much.

The story in Heart Sight is, in some ways, more Avellana’s than it is Vinni’s. Because Vinni has been an adult for some time, and has been the Oracle since he was six years old. He’s used to manipulating people for their “own good”.

But Avellana is supposed to be his partner in life and love. The one person that he should be able to confide in and lean on. And that can’t happen if he’s constantly sending her away “for her safety”. Or if he keeps thinking of her as weak and fragile. Because she is neither.

The only way to confront the danger is to face it, head on, together. And that’s the only way that they will have any future together worth having. Or any future at all.

Escape Rating A: I carried this around for a day, because I absolutely could not put it down. Even just five or ten minutes progress on “MORE STORY” was worth ignoring the rest of the world for.

One of the things I enjoy about Celta is that the place feels alive. Time passes, life moves on, things change. Readers first met Vinni when he had just inherited his title from his late grandmother, at the ripe old age of six. We’ve watched him grow up over the course of the series, always as a side character, sometimes significant, sometimes just a walk-on moment in someone else’s story, but always interesting.

Some of the other characters, Like T’Ash and Danith from Heart Mate, have matured into their powerful

prime, while others, like many in the Holly Family, have gone from middle age to respected seniority.

The other part of the series that I love is that there is an overarching story of the changes and developments of Celtan society. The people are changing and their planet is changing them. There are forces that embrace those changes, and forces that are determined to fight those changes – with violence if necessary.

The danger that Avellana has faced all of her life is very real – and is part of that conflict. The arch-conservatives see her as an aberration that must be eliminated at all costs. And they don't care how much collateral damage they do to get to Avellana. But, while the danger to Avellana was real and tied into the long-running conflict, the motives of the current avatar of those arch-conservatives strayed from being merely a dangerous enemy into downright nuckin' futz. He was more dangerous – and more comprehensible – when he was thinking relatively clearly – even if that clear thinking was down a terrible path.

All in all, I am thrilled with my recent visit to Celta, and as always, I can't wait to go back. The sooner, the better!

Darcy says

For much of this series we have seen Vinni grow up, seen him position his allies to do good for the community and see him with his heartmate as kids. It's the last part that could have been icky, but wasn't. I liked that these 2 knew that they were for each other and built a close bond. It made it hard for me to read this one because for much of the book they were at odds. I get that Vinni still sensed bad things around them and wanted to send Avellana away to protect her. But much like Avellana, I wouldn't have put up with it. It was time for them to make a stand and be a real couple. In doing so they paid a high price, one which it we will have to see if it was worth it in the end.

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at SmexyBooks-<http://smexybooks.com/2017/12/review-...>

Fans have waited years for Vinni and Avellana. We've watched them grow up through the series and now the time has come for their story to be told. We first met them both in book two-Heart Thief. Vinni was born six years before Avellana and knew upon her birth she was his heartmate. We see them again in Heart Change when Vinni convinces the Hazel's to send Avellana to Signet D'Marigold for help through her first passage. We catch glimpses of them in Heart Fire and Heart Quest. The one common denominator in all this is Avellana is very rarely seen in Druida City. Vinni has had premonitions of her death for years and has used his influence to keep her away from home. However, Avellana is now an adult and refuses to allow Vinni to manipulate her into staying a way any longer.

She had hated those years without Muin. Worse was when she got to Druida City only to be banished again after a month or two. She set her chin. Never again. She would live or die with him.

Vinni is in for more shocks as Avellana informs him and her family that she has invested in a housing project with Antenn Blacktorn-Moss and will be living in this new community. Alone. Vinnie soon realizes that his actions over the years have deeply hurt Avellana and their relationship. As Vinni gets to know his beloved all

over again, he is dismayed to discover that the greatest threat to her comes from his own family.

“Someone in my family thinks you are so different and unusual that you don’t belong with me.”

Heart Sight is the fifteenth book in Robin D. Owen’s romance based futuristic Celta series that is based on several families whose earthen ancestors colonized the planet they live on. Though each book in this series can be read as a stand-alone, the story arc and the couple featured in here has a history that reaches deep into the series so I do not recommend starting here.

Solid plotting with a well-seasoned base, strong narrative, and characters easily engage the reader as Owens takes us back to Celta and Druida City for another adventure. In her last few books, Owen turned her focus towards the second generation of Celtas; intermingling the families despite the bigotry and elitism exhibited by some first families. Friendships and romantic connections are made with less thought to bloodlines and family names and more to compatibility and loyalty. Yet, as with all societies, there are those who choose to cling to the old ways and will do anything to maintain the status quo.

Avellana Hazel has a powerful and unusual primary flair (gift) that almost killed her as a child and frightened everyone around her. From that day forward, her family and Vinni has strived to hide her gift from the other first families and protect her from herself. She has spent most of her life developing her secondary flair and wanting to start her life with Vinni, Instead, she is shuffled shuttled around like a chess piece from place to place. The past two years however has shown her that in order to have the life she wants, she’ll have to grab her independence with both hands.

“I determine my own actions, now.”

Vinni has also led an unusual and lonely existence for most of his life. With his sometimes unpredictable prophecies, most people avoid him at all costs. Confirmed as Celta’s premiere oracle and Greatlord of the Vine family at the young age 6, he was raised by his cousins and servants after his mother’s death. Despite him now being 30, they still treat him like a child and attempt to manipulate and maneuver him into their way of thinking.

The relationship between Avellana and Vinni is a curious mixture of sexual yearning and innocence and where I had the most issues. While they have long been heart mates, they have yet to heart bond. They promised their families they’d to wait till after the wedding, however, both families have dragged out the marital negotiations for years. While Vinni and Avellana have been intimate both metaphorically and physically, there is an awkwardness to their dialogue and interactions that contradicts their longevity. Their subdued chemistry doesn’t help. Neither does the repetition. Vinni constantly refers to being sexually aroused in some form or fashion while Avellana seems to switch between an independent woman and a Stepford wife.

The mystery and romance play well off one another though I found them both a bit dry. While this couple waxes poetic about their attraction and love for one another, there is little action beyond kissing. The mystery is an ongoing storyline thread that is reactivated and drawn it out to included Vinni and Avellana in its web. Owens finally lays it to rest with an acceptable resolution.

Readers will enjoy seeing some familiar faces and meeting new one as Owens’ continues to expand the world building. As always, it’s the non-human characters who steal the show. The dynamics of their personalities are well fleshed out and add humor and depth. While Vinni and Avellana both have long-term fans, Avellana’s is the star. Proud, vain, and arrogant; he never lets Vinni forget that he, unlike Vinni, has

never disappointed or hurt Avellana.

“I take care of MY FamWoman. Always have. Always will. Better than you ‘cuz I stay WITH her.”

The Vine and Hazel residences prove quite vocal and informative as they help to catch the villain(s), plan a wedding, and keep multiple secrets.

The finale drags as Owens tries to prolong the suspense as she wraps up the various plotlines; making sure they are accounted for and dealt with. Vinni, Avellana and the authorities finally root out the mastermind behind the attempts on Avellana’s life and Vinni learns he can’t let fear rule his life.

Overall I liked the story though I felt it wasn’t the strongest in the series. A large part is due to the romance. It has grown through the series without much reader interaction and that hurt my connection with it. I wanted to see their emotional bond grow and strengthen. This felt too much like Owens was relying on the mating bond rather than her couple’s actual feelings.

Regardless of my qualms, Ms. Owens continues to entertain with her futuristic adventures and romances.

Grade: C+

Dela says

I am very disappointed by this newest book in the Celta series. Here are some of the main points why:

1. Felt little to no connection between Avellana and Vinni. We were told that they were desperate for each other and lusted etc, etc, yet I didn't really feel any sexual tension in their interactions.
2. Dialogue between them was stiff and overly formal for HeartMates that had known each other their whole lives - more or less.
3. While the earlier books were fun and funny - the more recent books feel stiff and ponderous. This one, in particular, was laborious to read with no comedic relief. Even the Fams were boring.
4. Too much repetition and drawn out descriptions that dragged down the pacing and made the book painful to get through in search of interesting bits.

I love the vivid worldbuilding that goes into this unique world and Owens always does an amazing job there, but in nearly every other aspect - this book was a big let down. The main couple was so underwhelming, I didn't even care about them halfway into the book. I just read to see what happens.

PS

This is the most expensive book I've bought in forever and I regret spending the money on it, to be honest. \$17 for an e-book is pretty outrageous these days. Had it been as good as I expect from an accomplished author Owens is, I still would have gulped at the price. As it is, I kind of wish I could get a refund because it is not worth that inflated price. In my opinion, of course.

Barb Lie says

Heart Sight by Robin D. Owens is the 15th book in her wonderful Celta series. The Celta series takes place in a futuristic world, filled with magic, animal familiars, telepathy and romance.

We meet our hero, Vinni (Muin) T'Vine early on when, when he visits his heartmate, Avelanna (our heroine), whom he has sent away to protect her from possible danger. Vinni is the prophet of Celta (since he was a child), and foresees attempts on Avellana's life, as the big T'Vine family doesn't want him to bond with his heartmate. Seems Avellana has a power that people do not like, and they feel she isn't worthy of the T'Vine family. Vinni has waited years for Avellana to be old enough to for Avellana to be older, and to Heartbond with her; but now he stills sees these visions, and wants to her stay away. Avellana is now grown up, and misses her home, and being able to use her amazing mural creations. She stands up to Vinni, and will not leave again; her home is where she belongs, and tells him she will work together with him to fight their enemies.

What follows is an exciting, and sweet romantic tale of two people who have known each other since childhood, and knew they were destined to be mates. The threat is real though, but Vinni will do all he can to get help to protect Avellana, as they get closer to finalizing their bond. Another nice element to the tense situation is Avellana's partnership on a new project for specialized made to order homes, in another territory, which will help Avellana become more independent financially. I loved the two of them together, but I loved their fams (Rhys, Avellana's the cat & Flora, Vinni's bunny), who talk telepathically, as well as help them. So much fun.

Once again, Robin D. Owens gives us another wonderful addition to this series. Heart Sight was a fun, romantic story with a tense and suspenseful mystery. If you enjoy romances in a fun fantasy magic world, you should be reading this series.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Holly says

I've been waiting years for this book. Vinni and Avellana were introduced in the 2nd book and had parts as children in some of the following books. Now they're all grown up. Vinni, the Premier Prophet of Celta, keeps having terrible visions of Avellana's death. For years he's been sending her to remote places to keep her safe. Now a woman of 24, Avellana is tired of being away her home and loved ones. Even though Vinni still senses danger in her future, she refuses to leave. She wants them to fight together, not spend their time apart, cowering from some unknown threat.

As excited as I was about this couple finally getting a book, I went into with some trepidation. After all, these two were young children when I started reading the series, and young adults in the last book I remember them in. Owens did a great job of showing them as grown adults.

The main conflict is Vinni's over-protectiveness when it comes to Avellana because of his visions, and how that's damaged them both over the years. I really enjoyed seeing them grow, accept each other as they are, and come together as an adult couple and as HeartMates. Unlike other couples, they've both known since her birth they were fated for each other. That made things easier for them in some respects, but much harder in others.

I always love returning to Celta. The world is so well-drawn I'm always fully immersed. This novel is at turns sweet, suspenseful and angst-filled. It was lovely.

Jennifer says

Lets start with I won a free ARC of this book from a goodreads giveaway. This in no way affects my review, it just means I am actually reviewing instead of just rating.

So I started this with feelings of trepidation as after finishing Lost Heart and actually had difficult getting myself to start this book because of those feelings. The fact that I have adored Vinni since his first appearance and Avellana since Heart Dance was what got me to open the book. Obviously, I have an ARC and there could be changes now that it has been released.

Vinni T'Vine has known that Avellana Hazel is his heartmate since the day they met. This does not mean that the road is simple or easy. Between her heartbreaking attempt at flight and the numerous attempts on her life, Vinni and Avellana have not actually grown up together the way I had always imagined based on previous books. This book is that beginning of the true relationship between them, no more hiding away from the threats against them. Avellana is determined that starting now their relationship will be an equal partnership and while she does develop a small amount deviousness that I really respected and admired, she is so forthright that I could not imagine a better mate for Vinni. Vinni has to come to terms that he can no longer send her off every time he senses danger and what doing that for so many years has done to the bond between them. Once past the relationship struggles they must deal with the fact that some one is still plotting to kill Avellana and the danger might be lurking from inside the family itself.

I spent most of the story hating the Vine family, not all the unlike how I felt for D'Silverfir family way back in Heart Thief. Based on previous glimpses into the family from things Vinni has said in other books I knew going in I was not likely to have any fond feelings for them and indeed I really really don't. Beyond that I really liked seeing older characters again especially the Ashes. I missed them. Cal's tiny appearance with the added bonus of foreshadowing for his hopefully future book was beyond delightful.

The series has definitely taken a turn in overall plot since the first book and I am not enjoying the new (view spoiler), but am enjoying the newer depth to the characters. I have enjoyed the ongoing world building and the way the politics in the book shapes the stage of the story without feeling contrived. On a whole not the best in the series and not the worst. I would recommend to long time readers of the series, but would not recommend as the starting point for new readers.

Chrissie says

Wow, read this in one long sitting!

I love this series and fear it will end. But this book is wonderful with characters, tension, and a good story. Thanks, Robin Owens!

PollyannaReads says

The protagonists in this book were much anticipated, Vinni and Avellana, for longtime readers of Ms. Owens novels. I enjoyed their interpersonal relationship. Their history together was very clear as was the need to clean up their past mistakes and assumptions about each other. The personal growth and give of each character to become a unit was natural and well written. It was Vinni's interactions with longstanding characters that were his "friends" (they were wooden or all over the map and felt shoved in and overlooked) as well as Avellana treatment of her powers and their final revelation/solution that left me unfulfilled by the book ending.

Taz Lozada says

Vinnie and Avellana is the book everyone who has been reading the Celta series has been waiting for. Vinnie knew his heartmate aka the other half of his soul since he was 7 years old. Growing up he did everything he could to protect Avellana using his prophecy skill to keep her safe. Now adults can Avellana make Vinnie see that she is an adult who wants to be treated as an equal to him. I love how the Celta world is evolving and becoming more as new characters are introduced and we got to see old favorites. Great continuation of the series. I can't wait to see what will be next in the Celta series.

Coral says

Plot: 3/5

Characterisation: 4/5

Prose: 3.5/5

How much I enjoyed it: 4/5

More than a decade of waiting for Vinni and Avellana to grow up. However, their love story seemed muted with the slow pace of the plot. It doesn't help that the author's flowery prose slows down the plot further. I enjoyed it but I wished for more...

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Muin "Vinni" T'Vine has been a part of the Heartmates series since he was 6 years old. Now he is grown and has a heartmate. Avellana is much stronger than she seems but Muin keeps trying to shelter her from danger. That is the heart of the story. There is danger to both Muin and Avellana. Danger comes from unexpected areas and they have to work hard to finally find and stop the person who wants Avellana dead. A nice addition but it did seem to a little long.

I received a free copy of the book in return for an honest review.

Anna (Bobs Her Hair) says

Avellana was a rounded and compelling heroine. Vinni had his flaws, but what bothered me most was when he behaved like a hormonal teen rather than a 30 year old man. Yes; I know this is a Heart Mate story but I expected more meat to this story, especially Vinni's character development. In my opinion, "Heart Sight" needed more tension. The external conflict could have been better executed.

Grade: C-

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Teresa R. says

Been waiting for this book for years. Vinni has always been one of my favorites. Need to go back and reread. Have missed the people and the world of Celta
