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An heiress chases rumours of magic across portals to another world—and into the clutches of a killer...

Jade Gariq is a dreamer—she longs to join the Traveller Force and visit the far-flung worlds of the Dragonverse. When her father suddenly dies, her life is turned upside down as she inherits his cross-portal trading company.

Rumours suggest his death is not what it seems. Her uncle suspects foul play and all clues point to an uncharted, uninhabited world.

Determined to find the truth, Jade finally gets the chance to follow her dreams. But will her father's killer find her first?

Airwoman is the first in a fresh, original young adult fantasy series. If you love page-turning epic adventure, portals into incredible new worlds and a dash of romance, Airwoman is a must-read.

Airwoman Details

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Tiara Aitijhya Periwinkle says

This is exactly my kind of story! The title attracted me the most! This action packed adventure is one of the best YA stories I've read. The characters have been so well designed that they seem real. I especially love strong female characters and Jade's character was no doubt likeable. The story maintains a good pace throughout. The suspense element kept me glued to the story till the end. This story is a perfect blend of adventure, mystery, magic with a pinch of romance in it.

Literally I loved everything about the story. Looking forward to read more of the Zara's work.

chloe ???? ?? ????.?*? says

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And dragons + winged people + traveling to other worlds = overflowing awesomeness. Now let's do the math. This book = dragons + winged people + traveling to other worlds and dragons + winged people + traveling to other worlds = overflowing awesomeness.

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Things I liked

Repeat after me - I love dragons. That's right, say it again. I LOVE DRAGONS.

The dragons in this book are gods who sleep and dream to create worlds. The winged people live in a world called Taraqa, created by the dragon-god Our Lady Taraqa. It's such a freaking awesome concept!

The world-building is... wow.

The Dragonverse is made up of several worlds - Premye, Taraqa, Earth (that's us!) and a few others I forgot about :P Welp. My memory is super bad. I always forget everything right after reading the book.

Anyway, the way the author describes these worlds is totally mindblowing. Her writing is super detailed, and I was able to picture the scenery in my mind. There's even a map at the beginning of the book (that kind of reminded me of the Rainbow Magic books I read when I was younger, lol).

Sweet, kind Neve <3

Neve's my favorite character. One of her wings has been injured in an accident and is bent at an odd angle. Her parents want her to get surgery, but she has already accepted her disability. Despite that, she stays strong and helps other people. She's kind, gentle and a very good friend to Jade, the protagonist. She is also willing to make sacrifices to ensure the safety of Jade and the Premyans.

Things I disliked

The plot is kind of predictable (+ EVILNESS LEVEL: 1000)

My brain: There's something wrong with that guy.

Me: Umm you sure? 200 pages later

My brain: I told you so!

#internaldebates

Okay, I tried to ignore my brain. I really tried. I wanted everyone to be good. I didn't want my brain to be right. But... you know that gut feeling? When you know something's not right? I almost groaned out loud when I got to the part where Jade finds out who murdered her father.

It's just unacceptable how that person takes advantage of Jade and does evil stuff all the time.

Overall rating

4 stars!

Alli says

I was contacted by Zara to receive a free copy of Airwoman for review. I read the synopsis and decided to accept. I told a friend about it and we decided to buddy read it together. Look out for her review on the blog in a couple of weeks! I've been wanting to read more indie and low-key books so I was excited to read this one.

I liked the pacing of the book. Sometimes it would be a little slow and dragging, but the world and character building was amazing. The descriptions were so vivid- it was like I was there with Jade experiencing everything that she experiences. I was reading the first have of the book slowly and then when I reached the middle I couldn't put it down. I really wanted to know what happened with Jade. I will definitely read the next book when it comes out to find out what happens next.

Jade is a determined, independent, and smart character. She is so strong and competent and I understand her struggle with wanting to do what she wants despite her family telling her differently. Her uncle was such a supportive person, but I honestly was unsure about him. There was something that seemed off about him. Mainly it was because he was just REALLY nice to her and understanding. I've read so many fantasy books that I'm wary of the characters that are too nice like he was.

I loved the world that Jade lived in. There were so many parts that were fantasy and I wanted to compare it to another series, but I have not read a lot of books like Airwoman. I loved the different people that were depicted in the story. I really wanted to know more about them and see them more.

AIRWOMAN was very easy to follow and I often forgot that it was in a fantasy type of world. It is a fast paced story that keeps you guessing as you read. Personally, I really liked how it was so easy to read and understand. I was able to visualize all of the places that Jade was because of Zara's writing. Sometimes I find that with fantasy world building I am forget to read the setting details. Zara's writing is so easy to follow and

keeps you wanting to know more. I am excited to see what happens next in this series!

If you're looking for a fantasy read that is from an indie author definitely try AIRWOMAN! Zara is such a kind person too! :)This review was originally posted on A Bookish Alli http://www.abookishalli.com/discussion-review-airwoman-by-zara-quentin/

Victorique Crawford says

This was a case of exceeds expectations, given that I didn't come with much and found myself enjoying this tale.

Jade is a typical main character, but she feels realistic, insanely relatable. Sometimes she needs to deal with things that aren't too good, deal with things on her own. And at the same time, she doesn't have anyone helping her. She is on her own and a lot of her own decisions, she must pay the price to get there. Take the risks even.

That was why I liked her, loved her even. Because nothing ever came easy to her, nor did anything fell into her lap. I guess this was why I became invested, to know whether Jade could survive this. That was why I became interested in this show.

Another bonus is how little the romance take up the book. And for most of it, she doesn't have the chance to meet him and does think of him as a villain. Only when it was revealed and shown to her that he wasn't one then it became believable. And she wasn't flawless due to the reason why she believes in her uncle, it's common sense.

Even though I could see everything coming from a mile away. I knew who killed her father, who caused all this. Not that difficult, not that hard either. Around half of it I figured it out. But all that kept me reading was the reason why her father died, and found myself looking at a pretty good and exciting tale.

The world was interesting, travellers, dragon-verse, all of this was interesting. The culture that was developed nonetheless was interesting, really interesting to read if you ask me.

Overall, I really liked this book for the way the main character was so utterly relatable. She neither was given any sort of special treatment and honestly nothing came easy to her. She had to work for it, make a gamble. And this is why I like this book, it is a tale of someone discovering the horrible truth. A girl who is true to herself and kind of heart. Although I prefer more morally grey characters, this proved to be an interesting tale. Straightforward, predictable but one that I recommend to all.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Happy Booker says

Airwoman is the first young adult fantasy novel of its series and focuses on a girl named Jade. She loses her father in a brutal way and that is when she joins the Traveller Force in order to visit the dragonverse world. Once she's there, her mission becomes finding the truth about her father's killer and that is when her destiny is determined. Jade is head strong and very determined. Jades relationship with her uncle is very interesting and the story contains some epic style action scenes that will intrigue you to the point of not wanting to put the book down. The style of writing and wording of the story was very suitable for the young adult genre. I believe the author has done her research very well as there was no loopholes or questionable segments within the story line. The pace was steady and since the protagonist was smart and resilient, it made the tale to be even more absorbing.

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The world setting was accomplished with care but did not possess a picturesque descriptive nature and left the reader with using its own imagination. This is not to say anything negative about the world, but to encourage the reader's ability to improvise instead. I found this to be an enjoyable aspect of the book and found the novel approach for the plot to be admirable.

I recommend this book to young adult readers who enjoy fantasy and strong female lead characters.

Jordan says

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Airwoman is easily one of the more unique fantasy novels that I've read this year, and I am excited to share this book with all of you. When I started reading Airwoman, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. Was it going to be like a 'superhero' story? An action adventure? Or something else entirely? But I was intrigued by the premise and the fact that the people in this book had wings and could fly (not to mention the wonderful cover, as well!), so I accepted this book to review in order to find out more. and I was very pleasantly surprised by what I ended up reading.

First off, this is a great adventure book, and I definitely felt entertained for a majority of the book. The beginning portion felt like it moved slightly slow at times, but it definitely picks up and turns into quite an adventurous journey. The pacing seems consistent throughout, though it can seem as if it is a bit on the slow side at times - but this never lasts for long.

I thought Jade was a really well-written character, and I found that she was able to explore herself throughout the course of this novel. She is initially a rather obedient, meek girl. I could see hints of her more confident,

potentially rebellious side, but for the most part she didn't really act out in any way. But as the story progressed, more aspects of Jade's personality begin to emerge, and I was excited to discover a stronger, more confident side of her. Her father's death is tragic and shocking, and I felt that Jade's reaction to his death and her subsequent actions fit really well with the events that took place.

When Jade begins her training with the Traveller Force, I was hoping that there would be more detail about the training practices and their purposes, but unfortunately this section was a bit short (you'll find out why), and it never went into much detail. I found the reactions of those in her training section to be understandable, but also slightly over-dramatic, and I was frustrated to find Jade being singled out for reasons that are hard to justify.

I really loved the world that Quentin created this book, and I wish I knew more about it! While the author provided plenty of insight into how the Dragonverse world worked, I would have appreciated a bit more explanation in order to understand it in a slightly more detailed manner. While the nuances of the world have intricacies that I had to get used to, Airwoman is not an overly difficult fantasy novel to get into and is extremely readable, so I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys adventure, some fantasy, or an intriguing plot.

Before wrapping up this review, I would like to note, however, that I was a bit uncertain when I discovered that this book would feature a 'lesser developed' group of peoples living in a different world that Jade's, but I feel that Quentin handled this topic in a deft manner that allowed it to flow smoothly.

Quentin's writing style is easy to follow, but this does not in any way mean she is lacking in talent or execution. Descriptions are all done in a manner that is informative, but not overly wordy, and the settings are all described in a manner that really allowed me to imagine the worlds created by the author.

Overall, I am giving Airwoman four stars!

Stephanie says

This was a great book! I loved the characters, the plots and the different world descriptions. I cannot wait for the next in the series!

I was gifted an ARC for an honest review.

Mandy Parmenter says

Jade Gariq dreams of becoming a member of the Traveller Force visiting far flung worlds and defending the people and interests of the Dragonverse. However her life is turned upside down when her faster suddenly dies and she inherits his cross-portal trading company. It is complicated further when there are rumours of foul play and all the clues point to a far flung world only reached via the portal. Can she find the man who is alleged to kill her father or will he find her first?

This was a charming story with a solid foundation in a whole new world. Jade is a teenager about to become an adult and the story is written to show her confusion and difficulty in working out who to trust and what

she should believe. Whilst the aim was a good one which fit well with the story I felt the execution of this concept was a little flawed as it because very annoying and in the end distracted me from the story and what was happening. I do however still think it is a good start to the series and I would love to find out what happens next.

Jessica Stokeld says

I was so so happy and when I found out I won this giveaway and even happier when it turned up within a fortnight after rather than 4-6 weeks. There was also a beautifully hand written Thankyou letter attached as well as one inside the book. The book looks and smells just wonderful and it was in perfect condition. I cannot wait to start reading. I would definetly recommend reading! Thankyou Zara for making your readers feel so loved ♥?

I will be writing another review after I have read the whole book and I am going to be lending it to friends so they can too!

Pheebee says

What a great story

This is a story that gets you in and I am really looking forward to the next one.

Thank you Zara

Lori Murray says

Review for Blog Tour I am Involved in.

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A father murdered by magic. A daughter's cosmic quest for clues could make her the next victim... Jade Gariq dreams of a new calling. While she wishes she could join the elite force that protects her home world from interdimensional threats, she's stuck working for the family business. But everything changes when her father is found dead with traces of magic on him... magic that should only belong to the mythical Dragon-Gods... To uncover the mystery behind her father's murder, Jade must follow the clues to an uncharted

world. Beyond the portal, treacherous jungles, surprising betrayals, and a killer bent on tying up loose ends stand in her way of the truth. It'll take every ounce of Jade's cunning to solve her father's death, but can she avoid his fate? Airwoman is a high-flying YA fantasy novel set in a stunning new Dragonverse. If you like fascinating worlds, memorable characters, and a dash of romance, then you'll love Zara Quentin's action-packed adventure. Buy Airwoman today to let your imagination take flight!

For a free preview of Airwoman, find it at:

http://www.zaraquentin.com/

My Review

I enjoyed this book, I really love books with dragons in it. I also really thought the plot and some of the characters were pretty interesting. I loved Jade in this book a lot, and she kepted me wanting to read the book, to see what would happen to her and the individuals around her. I liked Axel as well, that is when his in the book, I really hope his in the next book more. And that we learn a lot more about him, and see Jade and his relationship more.

The ending was full of action and adventure, and was a cliffhanger but I thought it was an awesome way to end it. Until whenever the next one comes out, which I will definitely be wanting to read.

I was really glad that I asked to take part in the book tour for this book, and was picked to take part in it.

About Zara:

Zara Quentin is the author of Airwoman, the first book in the Airwoman series. She was raised in Adelaide, Australia, with one younger sister. Zara grew up with a strong sense of adventure, which she inherited from her parents, who took her and her sister on trips to the United States, Europe, and Asia. She also inherited a love of reading from her mother. Throughout her childhood she explored fictional places through books, and in particular, through fantasy novels. She'd turn the black and white text on the page into the colourful worlds of her imagination. After graduating from high school, Zara studied at the University of Adelaide and has lived in France, London, and Auckland, New Zealand. She is always determined to fit in as much travel as possible, spending time in Europe, the United States, southern Africa, Morocco, Peru, the Pacific and south-east Asia. Zara now resides in Melbourne, Australia with her husband and three children. She is currently working on the next instalment in the Airwoman series.

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Missy says

You won't be disappointed it is Excellent!

I just finished to the story, I think it is full of action. I like that she is young and growing into herself. Deciding that even if it is the hard way, it's the right way and that's the path she wants to follow. I like how she struggles to come to grips with what is truth and how she had been manipulated by someone she's trusted her whole life. I didn't like the ending, however if you are picking up there and finishing out that journey into the next one, I am excited to read it and see where you take her and her journey. I like Jade. And would also like to see where her and Axel go, what's in the bag and how they continue. What of Neve, does she stay and heal, what of the Dragon-God that was taken? Yeah, you kind of left us hanging and while most of the time that's not a good thing,, I like it here.

Karina says

3.75

*I was sent by the author a finish copy of this book in exchange of an honest review. (Thank you, Miss Quentin!) This, by any means, did not affect my review. *

I honestly don't know how am I going to write this review. Despite the fact that I really enjoyed this, there are also things that I didn't like – which are mostly on the beginning – so I decided to just enumerate them.

What I hated/disliked:

It took me way too long to finish this. The first hundred pages – or more – really failed to grip my interest so it became a bit of a tough time for me going through those pages. I think I read this for 3 weeks even though I'm certain I can finish this in less than a week – maybe 3 days – if I just didn't have a problem reading it in the start.

I was so confused on what type of creature they really were, on the very start. At first I thought they were dragons (hello they live in Dragonverse) because of their physical descriptions – as you can see in the cover – but then, I also felt like they were just like humans with wings and tails because I really can't feel that they were dragons. But then later on I realized that they're just Taraqans. Not dragons or humans with wings and tails or both but Taraqans, a whole different creature (which is... cool). Though there are also real dragons here.

Kyssa and Jade's friendship. I was just so annoyed by it at the start. I couldn't take how Jade can call her best friend when their relationship was so full of jealousy and insecurity. Like it's just toxic. Jade herself. I don't completely hate her. I know some people may like her but I just couldn't stand how naïve, soft-hearted and easily fooled she can be. Like, she wanted to become a Traveller all her life. That's

her dream but when she finally had the chance to be one, she was so weak and it's like she was so unprepared for it. Like, IT'S HER DREAM. She spent years pursuing her parents to let her join but when she's finally there, it's like she's proving them us that she doesn't deserve that spot. I just couldn't understand how could she dream of becoming a Traveller when she knows that it requires skills, strength and bravery while she's not that physically capable and soft inside and is not doing anything about it. Another thing is that, there are situations where I can't just help but say "COME ON GIRL, FIGHT!" She's like that caged princess who's been dreaming of getting out of that cage ever since, assuming that she knows everything and can survive anything outside that cage but truly, she don't.

What I loved/liked:

Rich world-building. Though at first, it was so confusing and the first chapter became an information-overload, I still really loved how strong and imaginative it is. It's not just a completely different world but a completely different universe, Zara Quentin created right there. Earth is even included in that universe though it certainly is NOT our universe. Imagine Earth being made by Dragon-Gods.

This is pretty unique. Given that we don't usually see a book with characters that are not humans, it was such a different experience.

Jade's determination. Yes, even if I didn't like her mostly there is still something I saw in her that I really liked. She's just determined to do something that she started – especially seeking justice for her father. Even if I didn't like some of her ways, she's still not easy to quit.

I loved that even if the romance was there, it didn't steal the spotlight of the story on Jade's journey of seeking justice for her father and completing her mission.

The ending. It was so beautiful. Even though it's sort of a cliffhanger, I was still happy with it because of the huge development on Jade's character and how her journey of seeking justice for her father have been closed.

If you are up into exploring a new world universe and want to read a story of adventure, discovery and seeking justice then you should try this.

Marie Angeline says

4.5 stars/5

I really liked this book, it was quite slow at the beginning and a little confusing too but I think it's normal since it's set on a world that I've never heard of.

The character, Jade, was a little annoying at the end (sorry, Jade), but it made her real and I really appreciated how she grew as the story went. There's character development, a good story, a wonderful and original world, and good writing!

Why does this book not have more recognition?

This book seriously needs more recognition.

I didn't expect it to be so good and I am impressed. I put if off for sooo long and I wish I had read it earlier. To the author, thank you for sending me a copy of your book and I really hope I can recommend it to as many people as possible!

Sarah says

I was really happy to have won this book in a giveaway and was really pleased with the handwritten card inside the book, as well as a personalised message on the first page.

The story itself is one I love and I quickly got lost in the Dragonverse world. It had such unique aspects of the story and I could hardly put the book down. I loved the pace of the book as well as the main character, Jade. She is determined and independent and it was always interesting to see what she would do next. A gut instinct early on gave me an 'I knew it' moment at the end of the book, but it was wonderfully written and I cannot wait to get lost in the next installment of the series.

Thank you Zara Quentin for the wonderful book and lovely message and I cannot wait to find out what happens next.