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After the terrifying events on Mount Raksha, the witches have returned, and River has betrayed Kamzin to regain his dark powers. The witches' next step: march on the Three Cities and take over the Empire—led by River's brother, Esha.

If Kamzin is to save Azmiri and prevent the fall of the Empire, she must find a star that fell in the Ash Mountains to the north. Fallen stars have immense power, and if Kamzin and Lusha can find the star, they can use its magic to protect the Empire. To get there, Kamzin has allied with Azar-at, the dangerous and deceptive fire demon, who can grant her great power—in exchange for pieces of her soul. But River wants the star too, and as their paths collide in dangerous and unexpected ways, Kamzin must wrestle with both her guilt and her conflicted feelings for the person who betrayed her.

Facing dark magic, a perilous journey, and a standoff against the witches, can Kamzin, Lusha, and Tem find the star and save their Empire?

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From Reader Review All the Wandering Light for online ebook

Laura says

Soo good. Loved the descriptions and the atmosphere. And River, of course.

mith says

okay but that title is kinda beautiful

Narayan Saka says

really amazing books! it has really great plots, not so fast but also not so dull either. each character is well told and has important role in the story. it has unpredictable endings, when i read the book, i thought i know how the ending would be (like most book with the same topic) at first, but somehow, the more chapter i read the more i didn't know how it would end. and that's rare for me these days.

what i really love about this sequel is how the author didn't change the unique and original things about kamzin and river which is how they just want to successfully climb a mountain, have a great adventure, help people they love, and be what they always are an explorer. they both did not get swayed by other people or the situations.

(maybe it is a spoiler???)

from the ending, i don't really know if there will be a trilogy or not. but i hope it will! and most books with this kind of genre usually have 3-5 series, so i do hope there are at least maybe one or two books haha. well, it will be great to see how the development of relationship between river and kamzin, the next step of the war, etc. and i think there are still many things that can be told (well if the author wants)

Shelley says

Source Library

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Rating 4.0

Thoughts

All the Wandering Light is the second and final installment in author Heather Fawcett's Even the Darkest Stars duology. Set in a fictional kingdom reminiscent of Nepal, All the Wandering Light is inspired by both

Eastern mythology and the early climbers of Mount Everest. The lush mountain setting is full of dangerous cliffs, sheer rock faces, ice and snow—the perfect backdrop for this thrilling and unique fantasy.

Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews

<https://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/20...>

Lauren says

I have not loved a book and a series this much since 2014 when I first read Cassndara Clare/The Mortal Instruments.

All the Wandering Light was by far so incredible and better than Even the Darkest Stars. I adored ETDS, but issues I had in that book were fixed in this one. One example is the traveling in the first book, at times, could be really boring where as every second of travel in ATWL were so so enjoyable to read. It was great seeing the growth of Heather Fawcett's writing for the story and as a writer. She beautifully wrote this story and throughly flushed out these characters. I love every single character. River and Kamzin have now become two of my favorite ever read characters. Their story and personalities are so beautiful and I can't get enough of them. I am really sad to see their story come to an end, but I think it ended beautiful. I am all up for novellas of River and Kamzin stories of maybe prior to them meeting or even during their travels in ETDS
side eyes

The story of hunting the fallen star against the witches was such a fascinating read. Who knew a star could catch your interest this much. Hunting for the star kept me on my seat every single page wondering who would reach it first. I seriously could not put this book down. I had to force myself to!

Kamzin grew so much in this book and she was strong and powerful. She was determined to reach that star and stop the witches no matter what. Even with all that happened with River on the mountain she still got right back up and fought to the finish. That right there is inspiring and empowering. She didn't coward down and get emotional she used her hatred towards River's actions and the witches to push forward. Obviously her hatred for River was always tested throughout the book. She didn't want to hate him, but she saw no other way after his betrayal and the fact he was a witch.

River... oh River ... where do I begin? I love him with everything in me. He is a great character with so much depth. He is sarcastic and humorous, but can be serious when needed. Even when he was "evil" he still was River, he didn't change himself like a lot of characters become when exposed as evil. I liked this approach because not many authors make a character "evil" and make them even question their positions later on. Throughout the book, River would be put in situations where he had to chose between the witches or Kamzin's side of the battle. This back and forth battle of his conscious of where to stand was a great touch to his character. River was not evil like Esha and the other witches which clearly can be seen. River made a stupid action, but he did what he felt was right later realizing it had a benefit, but also has consequences. River is really a lost soul at times just trying to find his place in the world and I don't think he knew how to properly show a humane side, at times, or how to express emotions well. All we know is that he did know how to express them well when it came to Kamzin.

Kamzin and River together I go down with the ship ! One thing I really liked about this series was the fact that their love story was not the main point in it. It played a role in actions and decisions they made, but

Heather Fawcett wrote it so perfectly that she made them question their decisions as are they doing this cause it's what they believe or are they doing it to protect each other. She used their emotions for each other to enhance the story rather than be love sick puppies for each other that can't live without each other. River betraying Kamzin made her stronger rather than weaker which I feel a lot of YA stories turn to in a moment of betrayal.

Tem and Lusha were so flushed out in this book as well. After reading ATWL, I came to like the both of them more and appreciate their side support as characters in this series more. They really helped Kamzin along the way in their own ways. Lusha turned out to really be a great sister to Kamzin and helped guide her in the right path. Tem is an amazing friend to Kamzin. He is a consistent support system for her and will always stand by her. He truly appreciates Kamzin with her love and support. They have a great strong friendship throughout the series.

Lastly, overall this is by far one of the best duology series I have read in YA. It also is one my favorite stories I have read in YA. It really makes me sad to not see more people reading the series and appreciating it's beauty. This is a series I HIGHLY recommend to read. You will not be disappointed. Heather Fawcett brought us a beautiful story that is full of adventure, fantasy, action, and romance.

Esmay says

"Choosing to lock yourself up in a life that doesn't suit you is its own sort of death."

4,5 stars.

BOOK NUMBER 100 OF THIS YEAR AND WHAT A BOOK IT WAS!! I absolutely adore this book and this duology will definitely make it to my favourites list, but I can hear you asking why I gave it 4,5 stars and not 5. Well that's mainly because of the ending, it did not really feel rushed, but I really would have enjoyed a longer ending and am I the only one who missed Thorne in the end of the book?

That said I absolutely loved this book from beginning to end, some things I saw coming, but a lot of plottwists I was screaming, crying, or laughing very hard. It was a true pageturner and I absolutely loved it, I also think I'll probably re-read this series soon (even if I've already read Even the Darkest Stars twice already). It's also a very good wintery book, because of all the snow and I am so happy I read it!

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Definitely River and Tem are my favorite characters in this series.

I found that this second book irritated me at some points and I had a harder time getting through this one.

Brenda Waworga says

It was just an okay read for me,

the story and magic system actually pretty good and unique BUT the characters were just feel bland and boring, i dont care if anything happen to any of them

i dont even like the romance, as someone who is a major character driven reader i cant enjoy books if i dont conected with the characters, thats what happened on this book for me

Tem the only character i like on book 2 also not doing much here, The ending battle was confusing and seem like alot of magic happened all at once

Hetal says

3.5 stars

After that epic betrayal and high emotion roller coaster in book 1, I expected an equally epic reconciliation between Kamzin & River. I was left dissapointed in that aspect. I wanted anger, so much anger and hurt. And heart. I wanted heartfelt words and high emotions, but all we really got from River was some vague amusement and interest.

I just needed more for him after the glimpses of compassion and fear we saw in book 1. The love story was lack luster and thrust forward with a feeling that will leave you feeling dissapointed "wait, that's it? Just like that?" In sorry it was incredibly bland and lackluster.

And maybe that's just not how River and Kamzin operate, but after accomplishing great characterizations and world building in EtDS, I was expecting to be on the edge of my seat, not a rapid regression on both fronts. It seems to me that Fawcett tried to write in too much plot in too few pages. As a result, the characters are bland and every plot is left unfinished. I think this needed to be a trilogy.

The plot will remind you a bit of the movie based on Neil Gaiman's novel, *Stardust*, so if you liked that, you'll probably be into this sequel

The race is on, will the Witches or the Azmiri Trio (Kamzin, Lusha, and Tem) reach the star and claim it's powers first?

With Azar-at at her side, Kamzin struggles to find the line between using the fire demon's magic too much as well as too little. Constantly at odds with her sister, Lusha, we see into Kamzin's thoughts and her resentment towards her sister. Unfortunately, nothing ever comes of that, which is a bit frustrating, given how much Lusha aggravated Kamzin. I was waiting for them to hash it out, but they never did. They *do* have each other's backs, *always*, but I never really understood why. They're always at odds but fiercely loyal to each other. Lusha, especially carries out her own agendas without consulting Kamzin, frequently. It is a point of tension that is never addressed.

We get some more myth about this world. Wind demons are introduced but we never truly get the full story, since not much is known, even in the books, but I wanted to know more.

For how big a role Lusha played, I find it hard to believe she didn't get a POV when even Mara, who I felt just barely accepted tolerance towards, got a POV. There is so much going on with Lusha behind the scenes and In her head , it begged to be explored

All the wondering light, like it's predecessor, is insanely well written, despite my grivences with the lack of emotion portrayed on all fronts from all characters. We are taken into an adventure once again on icy mountains of death, chasing a myth, fighting witches, and playing the part at court.

There is so much left un-answered. SO MUCH.

I can only hope that Fawcett is planning a spin off series which addresses:

*****SPOILERS BELOW*****

1. What comes of the blossoming romance between Lusha & the Emperor
2. who *is* Ragtooth, *really*?
3. How does River really feel about being ousted from the court and life he fell into so easily. Did he feel want regret in losing a friend in the Emperor? Did he ever consider them friends. What is going on inside his head? Why did he decide to choose to follow Kamzin above all else?
4. River is the King of the witches- doesn't that have to be addressed even *a little bit*? Witches going into hiding was just not enough of an answer.

My hope is that we get spin-off that follows A future daughter of River and Kamzin (given they need stronger shaman's with witch blood in the world anyway) that take us on a journey to understand more of the mythology and gives a peek into the lives of old characters, hopefully I addressing all the questions left unanswered, and a final resolution for witches and humans both.

I will accept nothing but bad-assery and repentance in this book. Kamzin. River. I SHIP THEM. SO. HARD.

Ingrid Hermans says

I really disliked this book. I couldn't care any less for the characters, I disliked the slow af pace of the book and I thought it was all very boring. Sorry not sorry #unpopularopinion

- I did like book 1.

Cassie Stever says

4.5★

“the best explorers make the night a little brighter.”

i almost gave this a full 5 stars, but then i realized that we didn't get some answers that i felt could have added to the story. while the story did wrap up beautifully, there's still a few burning questions that i have that will likely never get answered because this is just a duology.

however, *i will forever cherish this story and these characters for the rest of my life.*

this world is so lush and vivid. these characters have forever stolen my heart. especially river, he's officially one of my all-time favorite characters. there was so much action in this concluding sequel. especially towards the end, **hot damn.** and there was a twist in here that i didn't see coming and i had to sit here for a good five minutes and physically close my jaw bc i just was stunned.

i'm so gutted that this story is over and i'll never be with these characters again. (unless i reread, of course. which i can so see myself doing in the future)

i recommend this duology with my whole heart and soul. please treat yourself to this epic polar fantasy that will for sure have your heart strings being pulled from time-to time. ♥?

Emily says

LOVED LOVED LOVED!!!

God this book was so amazing and better than the first one! All the flaws I found with the first book were corrected in this sequel and I love seeing the growth Heather Fawcett had as an author. The writing was great, the characters were all flushed out, and I have no unanswered questions. River and Kamzin are two of my favorite literary characters and I am so sad to see their journey come to an end...but I do believe that there is room for more if Heather Fawcett should wish it (please). The story in this sequel was so interesting as well, the prospect of hunting down a fallen star in a race against the witches was so thrilling. I really could not put this book down, I flew through it. Devoured it actually.

Kamzin was so determined in this book. After all that happened in the previous one she was not going to lose again no matter who was standing in her way. Her anger and perseverance where strong tools that she used in this novel to keep her going. River was as always wonderful. Not as much of his sarcasm and humor were present in this one (understandably) but he was still River. Despite everything that happened in the last book I could not hate him and I don't think I ever will because I understand why he did what he did even if it was a stupid decision. But in this book he... (view spoiler) Tem and Lusha were so flushed out in this book, I really came to like them both. Lusha is so headstrong and reminds me a lot of myself. Tem is such a good friend and everything he went through in this novel solidifies that. I have come to love these characters a lot and I really do hope to see more of them in the future someday.

Not many people talk about this duology and that saddens me a lot. It is one of the best stories in YA literature that I have read and it is so unique. I recommend this duology to everyone because it is a fun tale of action, romance, adventure, and fantasy. I have never had much interest in leaving my house but these books made me want to leave and explore the world.

Acqua says

The! Cover!

I loved the first book and I can't wait for its mountain fantasy sequel.

mylibraryofdreams says

Persönliche Meinung

Was soll ich sagen?

Band eins habe ich gelesen, weil er in einer subscription Box war. Ich fand das Buch mässig und nur der Schluss war wirklich, richtig toll. Das war auch ein Grund wieso ich Band zwei gekauft habe. (Und natürlich das schöne Cover)

Band zwei legt gleich da los, wo Band eins aufgehört hat, aber es will nicht so recht losgehen. Es hat schon fast 200 Seiten gebraucht, bis die Story ins rollen kam. Dafür rollte sie dann ganz schön. Alles was mir in Band es so gefiel, wurde hier vertieft und wieder aufgegriffen, es gab logische Erklärungen zu Plotholes und war eigentlich durchgehend spannend! Der Fokus liegt diesmal weniger auf der Liebesgeschichte, als vielmehr auf den Hexen, dem Stern, den Schamanen und dem bevorstehenden Krieg.

«“Is Lusha all right?” Mara pressed.

„She’s fine.“ And, though he hadn’t asked, „Tem too.”

Mara ran a hand over his face. „And the star?”

„Oh, you’re not going to aks about me?” River said. „After all our years together?”»

Ich war zwar schlussendlich ein wenig enttäuscht, da der grosse Showdown in meinen Augen nicht besonders originell gewesen war, dafür gefiel mir das Ende recht gut. Es war so, wie ich es erwartet hatte und das hat mir gefallen.

Was mir auch gut gefallen hat, war die Tatsache, dass wir nicht nochmals die ganze Zeit unterwegs waren. Das fand ich schon sehr langatmig im ersten Band. Und wir haben dieses Mal auch ein paar Kapitel aus den Sichten von River, Mara und Chirrin. Besonders die von Mara fand ich sehr erfrischend und mega spannend!

«Anger flickered in River’s eyes, and he turned to me. „You see? I tried.“

„Mara, put the dagger away,” I said.

„Yes, do,” River said. „I’ve been stabbed quite enough recently.”»

Ich weiss nicht genau, ob ich die Reihe weiterempfehlen würde, aber wer gerne Drachen mag, hexen, Feurdämonen, Geister und Abenteuer, der kann hierbei schon auf seine Kosten kommen.

Alles in allem war es gut, aber nicht mega. Ich fand es während dem Lesen besser, als jetzt wo ich die Rezension schreibe...

Fazit: besser als der erste Band

Amber ~ The Reading Addict says

Okay, so I liked this one in many ways. I love the mystery surrounding witches and River, but I missed some

of the adventure captured in the first book. Still, a worthwhile sequel! Check it out if you liked booked number one.
