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One Realm Beyond (Realm Walkers)



Synopsis

Cantor Dâ™Ahma waited his whole life for this day. Born with a gift to jump between worlds, the young realm walker is finally ready to leave his elderly mentor and accept his role as protector and defender of the realms. But mere hours after he steps through his first portal, Cantor discovers that his job will be more dangerous and difficult than he ever imagined. The realms are plagued with crime and cruelty, and even members of the once-noble Realm Walkers Guild can no longer be trusted. To make matters worse, his first assignmentâ”finding a dragon to assist him on his questâ”has led him to Bridger, who is clearly inept and wonâ”t leave him alone. With the help of his new friends Bixby and Dukmee, Cantor must uncover the secrets of the corrupt guild before they become too powerful to be stopped. But his skills arenâ”t progressing as fast as he would like, and as he finds himself deeper and deeper in the guildâ”s layers of deceit, Cantor struggles to determine where his true allegiance lies.

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Customer Reviews

Filled to the brim with imaginative ideas, memorable characters, and Christian themes woven into the story, One Realm Beyond is the beginning of the new 'Realm Walkers' series by Donita K. Paul. I think there are going to be three novels in total, but I'm not entirely sure. What I am sure of, however, is that this is a fantastic start! The book may seem slow paced to some, but Mrs. Paul puts a lot into building up the plot and fleshing out the world(Or should I say worlds, flat worlds stacked

like pancakes, one of the many creative ideas you'll discover in the book). Character development is top notch and the characters are fun, my personal favorite being Bridger the shapeshifting dragon. By the end of the book you'll find yourself attached to the characters and eagerly anticipating the next book. I can't wait! If this is your first time reading a book by Donita K. Paul, I suggest while you are waiting for the next one you read her 'DragonKeeper Chronicles' and 'Chiril Chronicles'. They are adventures you don't want to miss out on! One Realm Beyond is a fun, exciting read and I'm very much looking forward to the rest of the series.

I really liked this novel. I think it is probably the best fantasy I've read in several years. Cantor was born with the gift to walk between the worlds. Finally it is time. In his first journey through the portal to another realm, he is to find his dragon. Within a few minutes of being in the new world, he does meet a dragon – Bridger, a bumbling and inept dragon that insists he's the one for Cantor. But when Bridger almost sets himself on fire, Cantor is not so sure this is the one. He'll keep looking. As Cantor travels, Bridger on his heels, he meets Bixby – in a tree. Bixby may become a realm walker. She's not sure. She has many other special gifts and Primen (God) has not yet identified her role. Cantor and Bixby, Bridger following along, travel this realm. They are dismayed to learn that it is plagued with evil. Even the once noble Realm Walkers Guild is in danger. There are a few in the council who destroy the others to gain power. Cantor and Bixby, with the aid of Bridger and his sister, are in a race for time to save the guild. I really liked this novel. Donita has created a world that is very real and believable. There are no hard to understand (and pronounce) characters or places. There are no strange customs or or animals (except dragons) or plants (except one that blows up). The best part for me were the dragons. Bridger is a riot. He has a heart of gold but is such a bumbling dragon, I just had to laugh at him. And his sister, who agrees to be Bixby's dragon temporarily, loves to shop! Both of those dragons have character! This is definitely my kind of fantasy novel. There are clearly identified good guys and bad guys. There are crazy shape shifting dragons. There are well developed characters. There is evil needing to be eradicated and two young people growing into the task. A great book. I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher in conjunction with the CSFF Blog Tour.

One Realm Beyond, by Donita K. Paul, was an awesome book! I could not stop reading it. The dialogue were very well done. I was able to laugh and cry with them. With the seriousness of their various situations, it was great to have a comedian like Bridger. Paul did a wonderful job of including the idea of God and the spiritual world as C.S. Lewis and Chuck Black did in their series. There

were many times that I would come across phrases about character and strength that really struck me. They made me want to be stronger in the Lord, read His word, and be more like Him. Paul has written a book which will be a classic for many generations. The Lord has blessed her with a gift that she has fortunately shared with us, the readers. You won't be disappointed when you read this book. I received a free copy of *One Realm Beyond*, by Donita K. Paul, to review from Christian Science Fiction and Fantasy Blog Tour and Zondervan. I was not required to write a positive review nor was I compensated in any other way. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the FTC Regulations. I am part of CSFF Blog Tour.

My teenage niece's review, in her own words: *One Realm Beyond* by Donita K. Paul has an excellent, interesting plot and a fascinating setting. The story focuses on Cantor D'Ahma, a young Realm Walker who struggles with his pride, and his lively, likeable companions: Bridger, a shape-shifting Mor dragon of perpetual mishaps; Bixby, a powerful and eccentric girl with a secret; and Dukmee, a healer who is (in Cantor's opinion) entirely too young to be as good as he is at his craft. The setting is brilliantly original and extremely well-developed. The concept of the planes and portals is explained clearly and succinctly, in a way totally organic to the story, as is all necessary explanation. The pace is very well-balanced, being a good mix of exciting action and careful exposition, so that the reader never feels either agitated or bored while reading. Also, foreshadowing is used well in this book. The reader is never taken by surprise in a negative manner or brought to a point where he asks, "Where on earth did that come from?" However, neither are any important story events revealed ahead of time. All events flow naturally and smoothly into one another to create a very well-crafted tale, which I devoured in about two days. I can't wait to read the next book!

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