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If horses could fly...then Calli Torcher might ride again. But a devastating accident left her in such pain she thought the chimes and chanting in her ears were a hallucination...until she found herself transported to another world, and met the Lladranans who had Summoned her.

Lladrana was a parallel, magical earth filled with exotic creatures, noble humans and enchantments all threatened by an encroaching evil.

And when the mighty volarans stopped obeying the Chevaliers, the flying horses' unexpected rebellion had thrown Lladrana into an uproar. In desperation, the sorcerers had sought help from afar and gotten Calli.

If she could fulfill this mission, perhaps she would also finally find all she had longed for a mate, a home, a family. But against this great darkness, she had no battle experience, no strategy plans. She had only a bond with horses....

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Aelvana says

Calli Torcher used to ride rodeo---until a bad fall broke her pelvis in three places and left her unable to compete. Now her dreams of having a ranch and training horses seems just shy of impossible. Then the Summons draws her to Lladrana, where she is to be the bridge between the Chevaliers and the Marshalls, as well as helping out the voltrans (flying horses). But it isn't always easy getting everything you ever wanted . . .

This is both better and worse than the first book. The main reason it's worse is how insanely crunched everything is. Calli talks about getting a routine, and then mentions it's only a couple of days. Bonding with family, friends, even husband---very, very compacted. The story worked a lot better for me when I ignored the actual timeframe and just pretended everything took about four times as long (because learning a language in two weeks? or having a handful of days to spend with kids?). Not to mention Calli actually does choose to go through the ceremony to get married after being in Lladrana all of one day. Get married first, get to know your husband later . . .

Well, for all that, her relationship with Marrec was a lot better than Bastien and Alexa. Mostly because it was worse. She and Marrec have an insta-love bond helping them out, but that isn't enough to make everything constantly happy. Calli's need to please undermines her more than once. They have very similar priorities but different opinions about how things ought to be done, which leads to conflict in the relationship. And Calli, unlike Alexa, isn't being pushed into fighting as much because her role is seen as more of a support function. I also liked how Marrec was a lot closer to common than Bastien. Having not been at the top his entire life, he has a cynicism about the upper ranks and how the society is structured to favor certain groups above others, and certain people within groups.

I missed the second book because I don't have it and neither does the library, but that wasn't a problem (mostly because it appears the second book did little to advance the actual war against the baddies). Overall this probably isn't worth picking up if you haven't read at least one of the prior books (and liked them), but it could stand alone. I rate this book Neutral.

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Melissa says

Yeah, while I may own the next two in the series already.....I'm not sure if I'm gonna read them.

First and foremost I cannot relate to this character. Her entire goal in life is to be loved: husband and kids. That is her motivation. And throughout the book almost everyone loves/likes her immediately. You know except that mean family on planet earth. They don't love her. So, yeah.

It took to a bit before the halfway part before she receives ANY training on her powers. Remember the other two books where training was the focus and learning how to use their powers was really important? Well, this character already knows how to ride and take care of horses so she gets a pass. Plus, she really needs to find love and that is way more important than saving the world.

The overall plot was thin. Like what she had to do in order to fulfill her duties was not something she really needed a ton of training for. So, the focus was her and her hubby who she married while he was still a stranger (note: if he dies she dies if she dies he dies) have lots of sex and sexual tension. Also, lets shoehorn some adoptions in there so she can have the family she always wanted. Also, lets have almost no interaction with the main character and the children and then have the main character go on and on about how much she loves her children even though she spends almost all of the book away from them.

The relationships felt forced, the love interest didn't seem to actually love her, the children were just slammed in there, there was no real build up to the love: He loves her almost instantly during the ceremony, she loves a kid she has never met and the volarans love her the second she arrives.

Also, if you think the plot of bringing back the rebelling volarans like the back cover implies? Nope. They come back as soon as she is summoned.

Just the worst. Bland, pointless, and not fulfilling at all. The speed at which all of the above transpires is breakneck. There is no tension because we are on to the next thing before we get any build up. Not recommended.

Laura Johnston says

I really should not start with book 3 in a series. I'm waiting impatiently for books 1 & 2 to arrive from the library.

Dallass says

It has been at least 10 years since I read this book, so when my mum asked me to find her a used copy, I was so excited to finally get my hands on this book again.

I enjoyed the story, the world building was easy to understand, and you can read this book as a stand alone as well and follow what's going with no problems (that's how I first read this years ago). The relationship between Calli and the Volarans (flying horses or Pegasi) is amazing, there is always unconditional love from animals and Owens conveys that in no uncertain terms. However the relationship between people gets a little more complicated, and not all of it is sunshine and roses. Emotional abuse is alluded to, and physical abuse of a minor is mentioned, but not for used on or depicted if you are worried about being triggered.

I had fun rereading this, and just might have to track down a copy for myself.

3.5 stars (for the flying horses and nostalgia)

Shannon says

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Cris says

Unlike the first two entries in this series, it's not a standalone. Alexa and Marian have prominent roles in this book, at times overshadowing Calli's story. Despite its faults, I enjoyed Calli's story more than Marian's, but not as much as Alexa's.

I plan on reading the next book in the series. As soon as I get it thorough ILL.

Autumn says

Fantasy is not my usual choice but i found this series by accident on amazon and bought the first 3. I am so glad, because this series has enthralled me. It is well written and fast paced. This series is about magic, love, good and evil, faith, tollerance and community.

Read them all...you will not be disappointed.

This one is about Calli the next in a series of strong women to be brought to Lladrana to help battle the dark. Her place is with the flying horses and Chevaliers (riders). This story builds on the foundation started with the first two books. By book 3 you will be as hooked as I am.

Gardavson says

I've liked this book the best so far in the series. I liked Calli, I liked her story. I liked the pair bonding aspect, it was a nice refreshing change as far as hook ups go. I didn't think I'd like Marrec as well as I did. He's more solemn and taciturn than I usually go for, but I liked how well he and Calli fit, and I liked her view on his solemn ways. Seeing things from the volaren pov was also fun. I'm definitely off to the next!

Deanna Roberts says

I have decided that Robin D. Owens is truly a wonderful author. Each book I read of hers makes me exceedingly happy that I picked her up to begin with.

Her strong female characters are a delight, both in their strengths and in their weaknesses.

Romance, sci-fi fantasy... Luna has become my favorite publishing company. C.E. Murphy, Robin D. Owens, Maria V. Snyder among their most wonderful writers in my humble opinion.

Enjoy!

zjakkelen says

So far, this is my least favourite *Summoning* book. Again, fantasy and romance. But in this one the level of macho-ness was a bit too high for me, particularly since it was so refreshingly lacking in the previous books. The lady summoned to Llandrana this time (Calli) is a rodeo rider and has to fix some things for the volarans, the flying horses. All the makings of a kick-ass heroine, you'd think, but instead the most important thing she and her new hubbie wish to achieve is to start a cute little family. Ok, Calli does want to perform her task, but the most heroic thing she does is a reconnaissance of the dark's lair. I'm sure it was scary as hell, but somehow still not so impressive.

Min says

I've been reading the series mostly because I really like the world of Llandrana (flying horses? you bet!). And I've mostly liked the main characters. I've not even minded too much when the big scary events seem to be glossed over and time skips ahead so we're spared the horribleness of it all (though it never seems to really be that horrible, after all). For some reason, though, I just didn't like this story very well. A lot happens, but none of it really sticks - it's almost as if the scope of the story was too much and things were telescoped into montages and poignant moments in order to get through the events on time. I will read the next one since I'm practically halfway through the series; I only hope the tone of this next book is more in line with the tone of the first book, which I rather liked.

Slynne says

Not as good as the first book in the series, but a satisfying read none-the-less. The characters covered more territory in this book than in prior ones, but it felt like you didn't get to know them as well. Also, this is definitely a book that you would need to have read the prior books in the series to have a firm grasp of what was going on and why. Still, I liked it and eagerly await the rest of the books in the series.

Merrie Harris says

Of the series, so far this one is my absolute favorite. I took a Saturday and just read, stopping only for a couple necessary breaks and to add a few logs to the fire. Robin Owens knows how to captivate and engage a reader. I became so wrapped up in the book I *had* to finish the book before I could go to sleep. Unfortunately I haven't been able to read the next book in the series as it has been checked out every time I have visited the library since finishing this one. I rarely buy books as for the most part I read them once, but this is a series I know I would read over and over again!!!

Annette Fuller says

Book one featured a warrior archetype as the female lead, book two the academic. Book three of the *Summoning* series has a caregiver with a tender heart and a fiercely protective drive. Calli resonates with me less than Alexa, but more than Marian. She also has the awesome quality of being paired with and cherished by all the volarans—flying horses—in the world of Llandrana. Which is pretty cool. Spending time with flying horses in this novel is great, and helps flesh out the world more.

The romance arc in this third installment is different from the first two. Things happen a little more quickly, and we're able to see more of the fallout of "how do we make this relationship thing work long-term" instead of the entire book being about getting to a point where the protagonist and her lover can make a commitment to each other. There were interesting conflicts in the relationships in this book, and threads that carry over from the first two books, and threads that you know will carry on to the next two books.

All in all, an excellent middle book to the series. If you're enjoying the Summoning series so far, don't stop here! The best is yet to come. :)

Rick Taubold says

A lot of people seem to like this book and the series. I didn't like this at all. The writing is laborious and almost painful to plow through. On top of that, I found more than a few typos and grammar mistakes escaped the editor's notice. My wife gave up on it after 100 pages.

I found the characters shallow, and the main character is constantly down on herself and at times incredibly stupid in not believing she really is in another realm that is not earth. After a while it becomes extremely tiring.

One of the most annoying things is that many of her characters frequently snort. Horses (which are characters in the book as well) do snort. People rarely snort. A sharp release of breath as a derision, which I believe is what she intended, is not a snort. And if one character had done it, it might have been too bad, but several did.

As I said, a number of people liked this book, but check out the Amazon reviews for yourself. There are much better books in the genre to read without wasting time on this one. If you want GOOD reads with strong female characters, try "Son of the Morning" by Linda Howard or any of the Julie Collins books by Lori Armstrong. These authors know how to write.
