

## **Given**

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### *Blurb:*

Yenni is a fierce warrior princess, but her father is sick with a wasting illness - and she must find the cure. Should she fail, she faces losing her father and exile from her home in the kingdom of Yirba.

With only her wits, strength and sacred runelore to protect her she must travel the strange, magical and unwelcoming Empire of Cresh. And no one warned her about the dragons. Especially not about Weysh.

Weysh is a shape-shifter, sometimes a man, at other times a dragon. When he claims Yenni as his Given - his destined partner - they are tied together by the bonds of fate.

Yenni is no man's - or dragon's - plaything. But other magic must be at work, because despite everything that she thought she knew, Weysh might just be her best hope to save her father and her home in the kingdom . . .



### *Lamont Review:*

Yenni is a warrior princess who must leave her island home to try and find a cure for her father's mysterious illness.

She arrives in Cresh to learn more of their magical ways, and she must spend at least a year there to ensure that she does not offend the Gods of her island. Yenni must rely on all her wits and her knowledge of runelore to help her in her journey. But who will help her deal with Weysh - the dragon who has fallen in love with her?

I thoroughly enjoyed this story with the great descriptions of the worlds lived in by Yenni, both her home and Cresh. Full of magic and mystery, with intriguing characters, I found this book really hard to put down. The burgeoning relationship between Yenni and Weysh as the story progresses from their first meeting (when she cannot stand him!) just adds to the mystery.

Yenni is a strong character with very definitive views of what is right and wrong, and she struggles with some of the actions she is confronted with.

Highly entertaining, and best suited to students in Year 9 and up.

*Reviewed by Michelle*