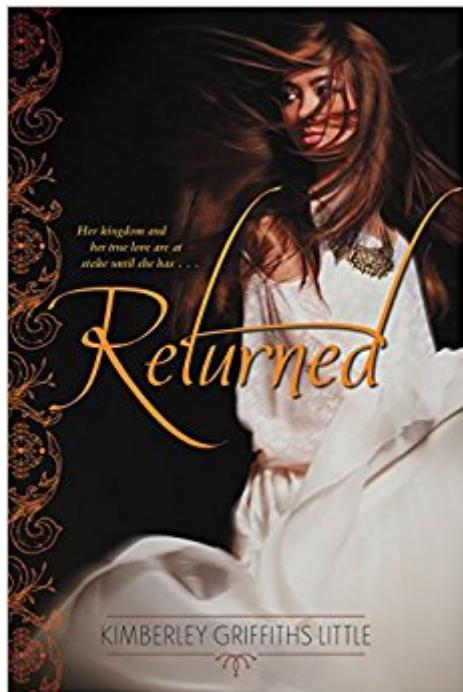


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Synopsis

Perfect for fans of Cleopatra's Moon and the adult bestseller The Red Tent, this is the final book in the epic trilogy that began with *Forbidden* and *Banished*. Jayden and Kadesh's love will be put to the ultimate test as they fight a war to save their kingdom. After tragedy strikes on the day they were to wed, Jayden must support Kadesh as he ascends the throne and becomes king of Sariba. But with the dark priestess Aliyah conspiring to control the crown, and the arrival of Horeb, Jayden's former betrothed, Kadesh's kingdom, as well as his status as king, is at stake. Jayden knows that the time to be merciful has come and gone, and that some enemies can only be halted by death. Now she and Kadesh must prepare to fight not only for their love, but also for their kingdom.

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Praise for *Banished* (Booklist) "Little's descriptions of the landscape are evocative in both desolation and in beauty. Just as good is her pacing, which gets the blood pumping for both characters and readers. This will heighten anticipation for a no-doubt exciting conclusion." (Booklist) Praise for *Forbidden* (Booklist) "At its core, this is a romance, with all the push and pull that goes along with impossible love, and Little elevates the story by creating a perilous landscape, both outward and inward, as Jayden must deal with the hardship of desert life as well as her own desires." (Booklist (starred review)) "A fast-paced, entertaining choice which will appeal to fans of historical fiction and romance." (School Library Journal) "Rich

historical details are deftly woven into Jayden's narration, and the dynamics of Jayden's tribe are vividly drawn. Jayden's story becomes as much about finding herself as it is about finding love. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Kimberley Griffiths Little was born in San Francisco, but now lives in New Mexico with her husband and their three sons. For such award-winning middle grade novels as *When the Butterflies Came*, *The Last Snake Runner*, *The Healing Spell*, and *Circle of Secrets*, her writing has been praised as "fast-paced and dramatic," with "characters painted in memorable detail" and "beautifully realized settings." Kimberley adores anything old and musty with a secret story to tell. She's stayed in the haunted tower room at Borthwick Castle in Scotland; sailed on the Seine in Paris; ridden a camel in Petra, Jordan; shopped the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul; and spent the night in an old Communist hotel in Bulgaria.

Kimberley creates the most intense, most emotional conclusion to the *Forbidden* trilogy. The conclusion will leave you in laughter and tears, as the characters fight for what they believe in, down to their very last drop of strength. I loved Jayden's character; she fought the enemy using only her mind and ideas. And her sword from time to time. She found herself trapped in the smallest of corners, but always managed a way out. It goes to show how strong of a character she is. The imagery and intricate scenes are also very well written out. I was left feeling like I was actually living in the ancient world, long after I closed the book. This is a trilogy I definitely recommend to anyone who loves romance and belly dance. It's very unique among fantasy and romance.

The ultimate conclusion to the *Forbidden* series this book had it in spades. the journey of Jayden and her beloved, was not only through sometimes balmy and enchanting and merciless and cruel at other times Mesophetanian desert, but spiritual and personal as well. Intense battles, betrayals of the worst kind, selfless sacrifice of beloved characters and deep love between main characters, between family members and for their tribe. Deeply moving and beautifully written story that will stay with you for a long time. Highly recommended conclusion of this enchanting series!

The author ended this series well with emotional and action-packed scenes throughout. So much was at stake for these characters who I've grown to love that I read this much faster than I wanted to (saying goodbye now is so difficult). Jayden stayed strong and intelligent and resourceful in this series and stayed true to the historical time she lived in. The author added so many details about

the lifestyle, attire, gods and goddesses, food, and more that it once again felt authentic to me. I hope this author writes more YA in the future as I am a fan of her beautiful writing.

What an epic battle for an epic ending! This one is a tearjerker. Such an incredible journey the author took us on from book one to book three. I could see this in my head as a tv series. I was biting my nails on the edge of my seat reading this one. It's like with every book the author stepped up her game. The writing, visuals and historic accuracy pulled me in and kept me there. I don't want to give anything away, but there is a character loss that I wept for! :(Great read though. The ones that make you cry are always best.

Returned was the perfect ending to an action-packed, emotionally-exhausting story. (Exhausting in a good way:-)) It made me laugh, made me cry, made me cringe and want to rip the villain apart fifty times over, but Jayden and Kadesh's happily-ever-after was highly anticipated, satisfying, and well-deserved. A great series.

This was such a great ending to a great series. There is so much to overcome and so many things that happen. As with war there is death and I was doing okay until the shock at the end that had me crying for sadness, happiness and relief. So many feelings. I have been thinking about it for days. It will be hard to say goodbye to these wonderful characters. I guess I will just have to read it all over again.

My only issue is that by the time this novel came out, I'd forgotten so many details that this read wasn't as pleasurable. The last one ended on a cliffhanger and it was unfortunate as I really dislike those and generally won't give an author a second chance. I'm glad I did read this final installment. Very well written.

I really enjoyed the first two books but I felt like this one dragged a bit. Not too much happened and I felt like the reader is just waiting for the end. There was a lot of nothing going on for most of it. I definitely recommend the first two.

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