

## WORDSMITH JOURNAL BOOK I REVIEW (AUG, 2012):

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*"The greatest help oft comes in harm's disguise to those with trusting heart and open eyes." (Bembor to Rolin on his re-entrance to Thalmos)*

William Burt has created a host of memorable characters in *The King of the Trees!* Rolin appears as the son of the Beekeeper, and then, in the midst of accompanying his father to market, he is introduced to a new world, a new sense of wonder and amazement, and the realization that his life has just taken on a whole new dimension.

Through a series of discoveries, confrontations and trials Rolin learns much about Lucambra and its inhabitants. He learns about the link between Earth (or Thalmos) and Lucambra and the hidden passages that are known only to a few and guarded for the safety of all who live beyond the opening. He learns that his past holds great significance to the Lucambrians and he must be convinced that the son of a beekeeper can hold such a place in either world. Shortly after all of this is revealed to Rolin, (time is kind of irrelevant in the grand scheme of things in this story) he and his new acquaintances are engaged in the beginning of a fierce battle, and the outcome....well, remember the saying... "The greatest help oft comes in harm's disguise to those with trusting heart and open eyes." The outcome is something every reader will thrill to discover!

It is hard for me to read fantasy and truly enjoy it most of the time, because I get tend to lost in the descriptions and histories of the different life forms. However, William Burt has created such vivid word pictures that the reader (and I was so amazed at this!) is easily drawn from Earth's realm into the Lucambrian realm with ease. The story unfolds with effortless charm and the characters, regardless of their race or resident world, are believable and very likable.

I am so glad to learn that *The King of the Trees* is the first in a series of books so I can read more. I am genuinely excited to recommend this book to you!