



## THE POWER OF THE LIGHT

THE THIRD CHAPTER OF THE TRILOGY

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# Fairy Oak: The Power of the Light

Winter falls on the village of the Enchanted Oak, an early winter that freezes the roses in bloom and the whole valley is soon covered by a blanket of snow.

The harmony and the serenity that used to characterize the charming village are distant memories, yet that white gleam instils hope in the hearts of Telli and Tomelilla.

The citizens of Fairy Oak, returned from a terrifying battle, fear for their lives and mistrust everything and everybody. Above all, they now mistrust young Lavender: her strange disappearance during the last attack and her unusual return afterwards, lead the citizens to think that she has gone over to the Enemy's side and now they believe that she is his agent.

Can this really be true? Heather still has blind faith in her sister. Yet her love no longer seems enough for Lavender, who, segregated and openly pointed at by almost everyone, escapes once more.

Desperate, Heather leaves the village to track her down and it is only thanks to the intervention of Telli and the courageous Grisam that she isn't kidnapped by the macabre emissaries of the Enemy.

Only one chance remains, to ask Captain Talbot for the Second Ancient Chronicle, in which, Heather is sure, they will discover Lavender's secret.

Nonetheless, another bitter surprise is in store for Heather and her friends.

On the night they go to the Captain's to ask him for the "book", they find him dead. Serenely in his own bed. A solemn funeral accompanies the old seaman to his last resting place and on that occasion the youngsters of Fairy Oak rally round Heather and with her they form a compact, tight-knit Band.

They will help her to find Lavender again at all costs and they will do everything in their power to defend the village from the Enemy. And that's exactly what they do.

A few days before the 21st of December the village is attacked and Oak, the heart of the ancient community, is obliged to flee. The children help him get him to safety. Even though afterwards he disappears...

That same day, Heather will meet someone who will change her life and that of the village, and make her heart beat hard.

The night of the 21st of December, the day of the winter solstice, has come and, as predicted by Tomelilla and Duff Burdock, the Terrible 21st once more falls on Fairy Oak, but this time he has a good two secret weapons.

The first of these leaves the citizens, already weary and frightened, completely disarmed; the second has them on their knees.

Among the ranks of the armies of the Terrible 21st, Heather – and not only she – spots her sister advancing solemnly and severely astride a black charger.

So it was true, the Ancient Alliance had really been broken, Light and Dark facing each other on opposite sides as they had done in the past. But is this really the case?

The answer lies in Heather's heart. What will happen depends entirely on her.