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## **Sandstorm Heart Details**

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~RMG says

Although some of the sex scenes in this book were a little too raunchy for me at times, my enjoyment of the story was in no way affected by it. The chemistry between Ron and Zaoh was palpable, which made the pages turn all the more quickly, and I loved their easy banter. An enjoyable read for sure.

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**Pratr- Authors says**

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ooohhh!! alien M/M and it was yummmie! these men are damaged, and have secrets, but they like it hard and fast and boy does that make for a darn good tale!! Ron has a secret that is stopping him from committing to Zaoh, and when Zaoh finds out, he pushes all of Ron's buttons to make him see sense. it did get a bit weird, all the talk of purple skin and yellow blood BUT these men are humanoid so all the anatomy is present and correct :-P

the plot is well defined, laid out well, and its not til late in the book that Ron's secret is revealed, so that kept me going but even if it had come earlier, it wouldnt have made much difference, i really REALLY enjoyed it. the characters are well rounded, and have likability in a deadly-mercenary sorta way, and their interaction comes across really good.

i'll certainly look out for more of this author, as its the first ive read of Liv Olteano.

there is some violence, lots of sex, definately an over 18, also there is some erotic asphyxiation involved, so may not be to everyone liking.

4 fangs

reviewer for Paranormal Romance and Authors that Rock

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**Pamela Su says**

A raunchy space adventure that doesn't quite have a space feel but definitely has lots of heat. It hit the right note for me and I enjoyed the sexual tension between Ron and Zaoh.

Though it's part of a series, both books can definitely be considered standalone and it's fine if you want to

read them out of sequence.

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## Debbie says

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## Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

*This story is part of a series but can be read as a stand-alone.* Ron was a Celian Commander before he deserted because of his demons, working as a mercenary for Ami is a reprieve he was looking for but then Zaoh a Haffa joins the band of mercenaries and Ron's peace becomes turmoil. Haffa's and Celian's have a history of blood and violence but the tension between Ron and Zaoh is tinged with attraction, when on a mission that goes wrong the pair give in but Ron has secrets that could lead to his death at the hands of Zaoh.

This is a great science fiction story that is rampant with sexual tension and personal strife, the road to happiness is violent and sexual and forgiveness is hard to give and accept. Ron has a fierce attraction to Zaoh and it started when he spotted the Haffa on the battlefield, but it is also tinged with fear and hate for the brutal Haffa who killed so many of his men. Ron denies what he feels as best as he can not just because of the different sides they were on but because of the secrets he carries. Zaoh wants Ron and means to have him, he knows far more than Ron realizes but Zaoh takes great pleasure in dominating the answers out of Ron.

Ron and Zaoh are great characters and are an absolutely blazing hot couple, their attraction is a fierce presence but it is tinged with fear, anger, hate and shame. Ron holds his shame inside and when the darkness gets to be too much he yearns for the pain to overwhelm it, when Zaoh gets his hands on him Zaoh knows exactly what to do. Although they have a very combustible relationship and they are breaking down Ron's barriers we aren't left with just a relationship between the two, we also get to see them in action when they are ambushed and the revenge they enact on behalf of their benefactor Ami.

I recommend this if you love science fiction, characters dealing with messed up feelings, rough D/s sex and a touch of BDSM, hot explosive sex, interesting characters with history and a great ending.

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## **JR says**

Ron Vid was a Celian soldier till he deserted, left his planet and became a mercenary. He is joined in the merc business by an old enemy, a Haffa named Zaoh. Ron has had a secret passion for Zaoh, since their planets were at war with each other. But Ron carries a secret with him that could be his death if Zaoh finds out.

This was fantastic. It was fast paced, load with lots of quirkiness. The sex sizzles off the page. You could grill with the heat in this book. Lots and lots of fun.

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## **LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says**

### **4 Stars**

*A "Live Your Life, Buy The Book" Review*

Ron Vid doesn't like Zaoh Dem. Ron is transfixed by, and a touch infatuated with, Zaoh, but he doesn't like that fact nor does he like Zaoh. Unfortunately, Ron is a deserter and life as a mercenary is all he's got. It's his bad luck Zaoh happens to be a mercenary at the same place. It's also Ron's bad luck their boss, who happens to be an empath and Ron's former sexual playmate, is forcing them to work on a mission together. Immediately things go from bad to worse for Ron. Zaoh knows who Ron is. Ron was part of the military unit involved in the capture of Zaoh and his sister, Tela. Tela died during her interrogation. Zaoh also seems to be rather interested in Ron. Romantically interested. There is a part of Ron that really likes that. That part of him that is transfixed and infatuated. The part of Ron that knows Zaoh will want vengeance on anyone tied to his sister's death just wants to get this whole thing over with and not think of Zaoh Dem ever again. Of course, that's when their mission goes bad. The person who was meant to be their point of contact on this mission betrays them. Ron and Zaoh feign breaking during interrogation and take them to a planet that really isn't their home base. Their captors are easy to kill off once Ron and Zaoh get them out into the blowing

sandstorms. They leave the bodies in the hopes the raptors living on the planet spend their time happily eating instead of hunting for the living. Ron and Zaoh take shelter in a cave and tend to their wounds. Ron may be a successful and functional mercenary, but the military actions that killed Tela and the events leading up to it left him with a raging case of PTSD. Zaoh uses sex to defuse the situation.

Ron had been infatuated with Zaoh before, but after sex he realizes it's more along the lines of obsession that could easily turn into a doomed love. He finds himself accepting that he'll die by Zaoh's hand when he learns of Ron's past actions. After successfully killing the raptors that eventually found them, Ron and Zaoh were able to get off the planet. Ron can't believe Zaoh wants him. Not only is Ron responsible for Tela's death, but he's a deserter with PTSD. Ron is in no way, shape or form, boyfriend material. Zaoh thinks differently. Zaoh has known all along just who Ron is and how messed up he is, and he's accepted the fact Ron will be his. Zaoh figured out that an eye for an eye leaves everyone blind. Things would be all fine and dandy with Ron and Zaoh if the brother of the woman who betrayed them on their last mission wasn't coming looking for them.

This was a pretty good example of the noble savage trope. In Ron's world Zaoh was an uncultured and violent, dyed in the wool killer. His sister was as well. Tela was pretty horrible. Ron had good reason to be involved in the military actions that led to her death. It was too bad Ron realized too late that her death wouldn't actually solve anything. He came to understand his own side was just as bad if not worse. There was also a touch of Grecian style fate in the story. Neither man would have been in their present situation had it not been for the other. Ron and Zaoh were meant to be together. Their attraction was instant despite the horrible circumstances under which they met.

I went into this book with massive expectations. I really enjoyed "The Heracian Affair". I don't want to say this book wasn't as good. I feel "Sandstorm Heart" was just as well written, but I wasn't quite as affected. Maybe the themes were more to my taste in the previous book. I still feel this was a great piece of speculative fiction and a must read for anyone with a penchant for purple men.

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## **Jody says**

Readers who like their stories cutting edge will get exactly that with this sci-fi read with intense BDSM play. The action is fast-paced as two men affected by war are drawn together against their will as their lives are in jeopardy with only themselves to count on. But can these two men who are full of secrets build a life together or will revenge get in the way?

Ron is a former soldier turned mercenary who carries lots of emotional baggage after a mission goes very wrong. It's left him with PTSD and, in his mind, unfit for a relationship. That's why he's upset with his instant attraction to Zaoh. First off, Zaoh's seen as the enemy after Ron's friend is dead at their hands. It's also an attraction that's tarnished by Ron's last mission that led to the death of Zaoh's sister Tela. Both of these men have been hurt at the hands of the other and it makes for a complicated relationship. Theirs is a relationship full of sexual tension, rapid-fire dialogue, and a battle for dominance where Zaoh is clearly the master. It all makes for an intense story with a few scenes of pulse-pounding action that left me on the edge of my seat.

Whereas Ron is still letting his past dictate his future, Zaoh seems more settled and uses his dominant tendencies to get Ron to deal with his pain. These scenes are intensely erotic with heavier forms of BDSM like asphyxiation and blood-play employed which went a bit further than I'm used to reading. Though the

characters felt fully fleshed-out I felt these sexual interludes sometimes overtook the story. Both of these men are strong-willed and exotic in their looks which added to their sensuality and the overall uniqueness of this story. Though this is the second installment in the Space Files R series it's not necessary to have read the previous book to enjoy this one. Fans of sci-fi and erotica are in for a treat with this intense space saga!

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## **Alison says**

POV: First Person

Kisses: 3.5

Confused when revenge achieved doesn't make him feel better, Ron Vid deserts his commission and planet hoping to leave his cravings for an enemy soldier, Zaoh Dem, behind. Ron Vid's long-term feelings of respect and lust for the man are conflicted, made worse by the fact that Zaoh Dem's sister killed Ron's best friend in battle (it wasn't a clean kill either), and that Ron Vid was ultimately responsible for the death of the woman. There are other issues as well, of course, but these two factors are the main source of Ron's angst. Especially when Zaoh Dem turns up just as Ron Vid is beginning to find a place for himself.

Ami, his new boss, is an interesting character who is perfect in the role of matchmaker and manipulates the pair into a situation that results in them finally starting to air what is between them. I think my main gripe would be that Zaoh seems too perfect: bestial yet contemplative, aggressive yet patient, and understanding of exactly what Ron Vid needs.

My favorite line has to be: "You always see coming that which you think is deserved." It pretty much sums up the whole story quite nicely.

Although "Sandstorm Heat" is billed as a sci-fi romance with BDSM, it is more of a BDSM and masochism erotica that happens to be set in a science fiction environment. It definitely skirts the boundaries of light and hard BDSM, and if you are not comfortable with blood play or light breath play, don't read it. I tend to enjoy a stronger plot line with the romance/erotica as either an equal or lesser part, so please don't think this isn't a good story. It is. The only reason it didn't get 4 Kisses is that I would have preferred a little less sex and a bit more story. But that's just me. If I was in the mood for erotica, this book would be perfect.

I would recommend this for people who love BDSM, blood play/vampires (no, they're not vampires), enemies to lovers, and a good warrior (or two).

Although I was tempted to buy the previous (stand alone) book in this series, I haven't yet read any other books by this author.

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## **Mandi says**

3 stars. I read the first book in this world and remember enjoying it a lot, but it's been a lot of books since then and I couldn't remember all the secondary characters. So I'm not sure if the MC's in this book where

introduced already and that threw me off a little bit. (maybe I should of done a reread first!) I was quickly caught up in Ron and Zaoh's adventures. And the sexing was hot! \*fans self\* Though I would of liked to have read Zaoh's thoughts/feelings.

Will be reading more of this verse if the author continues with it. :)

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### **GayListBookReviews says**

I didn't know what to expect from this author and so I opened up this book with no expectations, and I'm glad I did. I loved this book! The setting quickly pulled me in and I was captivated by the harsh landscape, beautiful storyline and unique characters.

This isn't a long book, but it is full of complicated characters and an intriguing world. The gang of mercs these two belong to are incredibly interesting with lots of dynamics that begged to be explored. Zaoh and Ron have a love/hate, lust/fight thing happening between them that keeps them both balancing on the edge of disaster. Ron is overwhelmed with guilt from the secrets he is keeping from Zoah.

These two brutal men are living a life on the run, their well-being is dependant on trusting the person beside you. When there are deep secrets it makes for a beautiful tension. I couldn't get enough of these men. They were both so different, but both warriors in their own way.

The dom/sub aspects of the story are perfectly placed and executed... not to mention, hot as hell.

A great read, full of the unexpected rough life of two men who are trying to not just survive, but live.

Reviewed by Beans

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### **Lisa The Novel Approach says**

3.5 Stars

This is an enemies-to-lovers story, but is not in any way a love story, so don't expect rainbows and unicorns and fairy tale romance. There's lots of snarky dialogue volleyed back and forth, some teasing narrative to keep the reader wondering how the two men will finally move forward, and an "I hate you/I want you/I hate wanting you/I want to keep hating you and wanting you" vibe to this relationship that keeps the reader guessing, which makes for some tension before they get to the sex-is-the-answer-to-the-problem solution...

*You can read the rest of this review at The Novel Approach*

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