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“Choose wisely. Then keep your head down and do what you’re told. Time will pass, and we’ll be back for you.”

Audra Copeland is among dozens of newly convicted felons dropped off on the prison planet Rhodon, where she discovers that the women of zone four have a long-standing arrangement with the men. If they hand over six of the new arrivals, the men won’t raid. And Audra has just been drafted.

She can take her chances on her own, or select a guardian. The deal is simple, if barbaric: sex, in exchange for food and safety from the other two hundred men in zone four. It’s a terrifying proposal. The men are violent, filthy degenerates.

Then Audra sees Tyson at the edge of the crowd. A hulking, scarred figure, the other men call him a savage, but his clothes are clean, and he’s holding a freshly caught rabbit. He can clearly protect what’s his.

As compassionate as he is powerful, Tyson ignites something fierce in Audra, and their connection is white-hot. The problem? Every thirty days, she’ll have to pick a new guardian.

Now that he’s found Audra, Ty has every intention of keeping her for himself. Even if he has to destroy the fragile zone four peace treaty to do it.

Guardian Details

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Mandi Schreiner says

I really liked this one. Hero and heroine charged with crimes and sent to a prison planet for the rest of their lives. Women used as sex slaves - heroine forced to pick a man - and hero turns out to be a decent good guy. They have to fight off bad guys and try to find their way out of the zone they are in. i really liked the heroine.

Content warning: Sexual assault

Full review coming

Jacqueline's Reads says

4.5 Dystopian Stars

Guardian totally shocked me and Emmy Chandler is now on my Sci-Fi / Dystopian list of authors to watch out for.

I love me a good Dystopian read, but the thing with these books it can't be too depressing, but it also can't be boring. Guardian had the right balance of good verse evil that I was highly entertained from the first to the last page.

In this world, the criminals are sent to another planet and this planet is just filled with criminals. Both male and female criminals inhabit the planet, but they are broken into different sections and settlements.

The men and the women are in different areas, but that doesn't mean they can't cross paths and when Audra is picked to become one of the six sex slaves for the male side, well, you can't help but feel for her.

I really liked the concept of the book. I felt bad for Audra, because she is used by the guys, but I do like the rules they place. Each girl is with a guy for a month and they are only there between one to six months depending when there will be a fresh set of new prisoners.

Audra picks Tyson to be her Guardian. He is to provide for her and take care of her, but at any time any man can challenge him and take her away.

I was seriously on pins and needles throughout the whole book. I never knew what was going to happen and how the book will end. Every book is about a different couple so this is a standalone.

I liked the chemistry between Audra and Tyson. Tyson is such a great guy, but he's a recluse. He has no friends and likes it like that. Audra hates being a sex slave and makes sure that she doesn't owe any favors for Tyson.

There's a lot of politics and rules where Tyson lives and I really liked reading about that. The guys are so ruthless and I kind of wanted to see more "good" guys, but you really root for Tyson.

Overall, give this book a try, I highly enjoyed it.

BookPauper says

I didn't expect to like this as much as I did. I had just finished Hold by Claire Kent so I was expecting pretty much the same thing. That's not a bad thing, I enjoyed Hold. I think it's the difference between a novel and a novella. The characters are more layered, the world is more complex. The drama and how their relationship develops is complicated and believable. Dual POV is used so well and each character has a distinct voice. Color me hooked.

Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

?????????STARS

BOOK REVIEW

Release Date-1/3/18

Zone four is what Neverland would be if the lost boys were all violent criminals and Wendy were a psychotic pimp.

"Guardian" (Prison Planet Book 1) is one book that definitely snuck up on me catching me completely unawares and reeling me in so fantastically.

The simple concept behind this story worked for me on every single level; totally satisfying my taste for the slightly unusual I do so enjoy in my reading.

I spotted this on Kindle Unlimited and thought it sounded right up my alley so would give it a whirl.

I was going in here slightly blind here as have never read anything by this particular author before.

Well, hey-ho folks, I am now super invested in this dark delectable sci-fi/romance series.

I adored everything about this imaginative offering set on the prison planet Rhodon.

This tale is told in dual POV and centres around Audra and Tyson and the events that occur after she selects him as a best-case scenario when needing a guardian to protect her from the other male inhabitants.

This was gritty and imaginative with such dark undertones that I found so mesmerising.

The chemistry between the two mains gave me such tingles with its profound intensity and at times deeply emotional connection.

His arms encircle me, a warm band of steel, and he brushes hair down my back. "I've killed for you, Audra. I've gone hungry. I've fought. I've ripped apart walls, and doors, and a transport shuttle for you. And I would die for you. But I won't let you go, for anything less than your freedom."

I also especially adored the addition of Maci Bishop; I believe it's her story next and I am really looking forward to uncovering more of this enigmatic girls past and future.

This was such a fantastic experience that I can't recommend more highly.

Every so often I get a little gem that I wasn't quite expecting that totally blows me away with its freshness and unique outlook.

Guardian was that jewel for me.

I'm gonna wrap things up here by saying I loved the old Snake Plissken, Kurt Russel films and this for me was like Escape from New York and LA but played out in space on an entire planet and with more of a romantic sexy element; what's not to love about this.

The possibilities with this particular series are endless and as vast as the authors very vivid imagination.

I borrowed this one with my Kindle Unlimited subscription.

All opinions are entirely my own.

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B. Truly says

4.75

Great plot with a couple that you can't help but love. Sci-if romance is my favorite genre. *Guardian* was more of a galactic, colonization, survival of the fittest romance, which made for a very interesting read. There were some futuristic concepts, but the prison planet reminded me of how Mars would be if it was ever terraformed.

The cover doesn't do much for me, but the blurb did draw me in. I was recommended this book from an author friend of mine, and I'm so glad she did. I absolutely loved it.

My only complaint was the contradiction in Audra's character at the beginning. Leyda was trying to befriend her, but Audra was cold toward Leyda, brushing her off. Now I do understand Audra's logic of everyman fighting for themselves with the situation that they were in. The problem I had was that Audra was thinking these thoughts, yet she was doing the same thing with Maci, attempting to befriend her. That made a big character contradiction. Audra was just introduced and I was just getting to know her, so that left a bad taste in my mouth.

Unless Leyda's going to be used in a later book, I think it would've been better if she wasn't mentioned. Or Leyda being introduced could've been presented in a way that didn't make Audra seem two-faced.

However, besides that character flaw at the beginning I really liked Audra. She's fearless, smart, doesn't hold her tongue, and was will to fight for what she loved.

This book had the right balance of heated romance and a steady paced plot that kept me turning pages—well swiping the screen.

Tyson was a very likable guy that any woman could fall for. It was refreshing that Tyson wasn't all that handsome, but he had the ripped body to make up for it, and a heart of gold. His protectiveness over Audra and Maci, and the way he took care of them could make any woman fall for him.

Audra and Tyson had great chemistry, yet they kept you on your toes because they didn't always get along. That made for an interesting couple to root for.

This book is not for skittish people. There's violence and sizzling romance that was right up my alley. The way it was written made it believable that this could happen in real life.

The ending of this book was suspenseful, and I liked how book 2 will be told from Maci's POV. My guess is that Tyson and Audra will be side characters again at some point.

I'm glad that I gave this book a chance. It's one of the best I've read this year. I can't wait to find out what happens next.

phoebess says

At first, I had a hard time to get into the story, I'm not even sure why. Maybe I just had to get used to the author's writing style. Then the story got better and interesting and I really enjoyed it. It ended up with a HFN, which I liked and I hope the author will get back to this couple to continue their story—whether in the next couple's book or in their own again—but to be honest, I can't see HEA happening in this series. That planet is too fucked-up for them to be believable.

Shari Kay says

Setting aside around 70%

h annoying/lost interest/other things...

Tiffany Roberts says

Really enjoyed *Guardian*! The beginning really hooked me in and I could just imagine the nastiness they had to deal with while in those cramped cages. When it came down to it later while on the prison planet, Audra got lucky picking someone who just happened to be strong, but also kind. I really loved Tyson. He was sweet, understanding, but was definitely no push over. No one messed with him.

You don't find out what they did to be committed here until later in the book, and even then, neither of them really committed a crime deserving of this place. You kind of wonder how messed up this government is to send someone to life for something so minor, especially at a young age.

There are some high stress moments which are expected for a book like this and the environment they are now living in. It's a nightmare. Again, super lucky to have Tyson, though Audra isn't someone to cower in fear.

Looking forward to Maci's book! I'm curious about her as she was a big part of this book as well, though we didn't find out anything about her except that she's young and kind, and from the sneak peek, her guy is going to be killer!

(On a side note, for some reason, every time I look at the cover, the male is how I pictured Jaime and not at all how I pictured Tyson, lol)

kookyquinn says

Other than wanting to smack Audra for most of the book I loved it!

Maybe it would have been easier for Tyson if he'd had puppets to act out what he was saying for her? Or like

someone that speaks "brat" to translate? My exaggerated example:

Tyson: I don't want you to leave, I want you to stay with me. I don't want anyone else!

Audra: WHAT? WHY DO YOU HATE ME?!

Ok it wasn't that bad (often).

I really liked the world and the concept. I'm excited for the next books and I was totally absorbed by the story through the entire thing.

Celestine says

Darkly dramatic, yet sci-fi lite

As seems typical with prison planet books, the main characters are a notch above their peers in terms of humanity and lack of dastardly deeds. Which is okay so the romance can play out satisfactorily. Audra and Ty are interesting characters, but I didn't feel a soul-deep connection. Quite a lot focuses on survival, but there are trigger warnings for assault. The inclusion of Maci is integral to the story, moving a lot of the plot for this book and the next.

As noted in the headline, a lot of drama is mined from the perilous situation, but the science fiction elements are very minimal, limited mainly to spare descriptions of a different environment and a couple of tech gadgets.

If you are a fan of Claire Kent's "Hold" or Linda Mooney's "Captive Surrender" then I predict you will enjoy this book. In fact, this book is strongly reminiscent of the former.

Book source: Kindle Unlimited

Lily says

[From the exact way she picked him out of the crowd. To the way he didn't kiss

Madison says

3.75?

TP says

The book "Guardian" in the Prison Planet series by Emmy Chandler was a nice pastime. It had a good foundation but was too light and lacked sci-fi components.

The story was interesting, but lacked action, suspense and angst. Which I would have expected on a prison planet.

It mostly focused on how to survive in the given environment but it fell short in reference that it wasn't important in the end or played any vital role. The male character spends most of his time, building a secure "home" to be leaving it anyway in the end.

Of course we have some generic characters who don't deserve to be on a prison planet in general. Still it worked. The romance was nice but lacked a good development in the sparks and attraction department. I liked the characters very much but there wasn't enough room given to make the romance bloom and believable. It was a nice foundation but left out too much which could have been explored more.

The sci-fi part is reduced to a few tech tools and a colour change of the environment and that is practically all.

The story started out interesting, the struggle and survival is also not bad, although predictable. At this point I would have given the book a solid 3 stars.

Till we come to the end part where they need to leave the colony. Mostly all previous efforts are in vain, the main characters discover their sudden love for each other, which puts their previous rational and pragmatic character traits to shame and no one knows what happens to them afterwards.

The story ends in a cliffhanger in my perspective, leaving me dissatisfied with an open end and lots of unanswered questions. Yet, the following books involve different main characters.

Not interested in that.

Lyn says

Audio - 2.5 stars not enough of Tyson's pov
Story 2.5 stars strong start but fizzled out.

K.M. Montemayor says

5/5 Convict-with-a-heart stars

I picked this up because my favorite author, Ruby Dixon, recommended it. It was a winner. In the future, criminals found guilty of crimes deserving a life sentence are sent to a desolate planet, the Devil's Eye.

It's a free-range prison--no walls, or prison bars. But there's no way off the planet, and the prisoners have created a type of society, sick and twisted though it is. The female tribe has an arrangement with the male tribe. They will send six women, new arrivals, to the male tribe to be whored out in order to keep the peace and keep the male tribe from attacking. Audra and Maci are two of the lucky chosen.

Audra's not given many choices on this planet, but she does have the ability to choose the man and barter her services in exchange for food, shelter, and protection from the other men. Because if your man can't protect you, another may steal you. But if she chooses a jerk, he can use his strength to beat her. She sees one man in the back holding a rabbit he killed. He's taller than the other men, and very strong. She sees he can feed her and gambles that he's not cruel.

This story had all the feels. I loved that the author didn't sugar coat things. It's often a tale of the lesser of two evils in an impossible situation. It made the story more real for me.

I can't wait to read the next book. Recommended for fans of the Blue Barbarians.
