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Rheba is the sole survivor of a blaze that destroyed her planet, and Kirtn is the Bre'n warrior sworn to protect the exquisite, sensual fire dancer on a perilous journey to a far-off planet. Reprint.

Fire Dancer Details

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Yusuf Motara says

Great worldbuilding, great characters, plenty of thrills and twists. What a fun way to spend an afternoon!

Kim B says

Loved this book, the characters were fantastic and you brought into their world. My books are worn out from re reading them so many times.

I just wish Ann Maxwell would not have given up on this series as only 3 books were written. :-(

Derek says

BLURB:

Firedancer is the story of a young girl who has lost her planet and people in the supernova of her system's sun. As far as she knows, only she and her Bre'n have escaped. As she seeks other of her kind who might have been off-planet for the disaster, she runs into more trouble than she expected...

This is pulp sc-fi from the eighties, very easy to read and it should be three stars, but considering I first read these when I was in my teens, it's getting a plus one star for nostalgia

Lana says

Travel to the stars in this sci-fi story where a race of beings that can create fire almost from nothing, teamed up with their furry companion they can be a formidable team. Throw in a prison planet, talking snakes that can change shapes and communicate in any language, where one has to perform to get out. Action and danger follow this pair as they try to escape.

A must read for all sci-fi lovers.

Well done Ann

Lisa says

Just as amazing now as the first dozen times I read it! I have the edition with the sci-fi/fantasy cover like I originally bought many years ago-not the pretty satiny looking cover that makes it seem like a romance novel. Great book, totally enjoyable, a quick & ready read. Love The Fire Dancer!

Impy says

Classic eighties sci-fi/fantasy/romance full of angst and adventure. Well written, fast paced, nicely-developed and full of interesting characters and surprising/original plots and relationships. I say original, even compared to contemporary novels.

Teresa Garcia says

I can remember reading this book in the mid 1990's, and it is one of the many oldschool sci-fi books that has stuck with me. For the time I was intrigued by how unrestrained the Fire Dancer was. It was quite a contrast to how the women of Pern were treated in Anne McCaffrey's books.

Bibi says

I bought it as a cheap pocket in the 80s and it's still there on the shelf. It has survived several book clean-outs! The fantasy is amazing...

Cinnamingirl says

I read this book in only a few hours, and I really enjoyed it. I must say I wasn't expecting much from 80s sci-fi romance, but this book was really well written and the world building was pretty interesting, even if some of the emo is a bit annoying at times. I thought the symbiotic (for lack of a better word) species of Bre'n and Senyasi were intriguing and I liked that the book had an actual plot, as well as bringing up some complicated relationship issues, though at times I thought it strayed very close to the edge of the last-of-their-species/pair-bonded-since-childhood romantic-angst line. I'm interested to see where the other two books in the trilogy go, as the author set the stage for some interesting-ness in the last few pages.

Jennifer says

The first time I read this book I was 11 and had just been given access to the teen collection on the adult floor of the public library. Right beside Teen was Science Fiction. I had read a few children's and teen sci-fi stories before this, but had not really read any adult sci-fi, although I watched as much of it as I could. I was in love instantly with the genre.

I was a bit nervous about rereading it because sometimes our loves as young people just don't stand up to the test of time, and this was a pulp sci-fi novel of the early eighties. However, I still love it. The world-building is amazing. The characters are incredibly nuanced and I can't wait to read the rest of the story (which I never have since my library did not have it). Hooray to the glory of interlibrary loan!

Kadance says

"Renew, release, let go. Yesterday's gone. There's nothing you can do to bring it back. . ." I believe is the old saying? I vaguely remember swiping a copy of this book back when I was still in school from my mother's library stack. Perhaps then it seemed more "forbidden" back then (after all my mother was (and still is) a heavy reader in the famed "bodice ripper" genre of romance novels. Back then all of her books were like taboo fruits I had to get my little tweeny hands on (who needed health class when you had a Johanna Lindsey book (with shirtless Fabio(s) OH MY) covertly secreted off to school in your lunchbox).

So I guess I went into this with those nostalgic feels of past precocious me expecting heavy romance. Surprisingly, that was not the case? I mean the romantic elements were really quite mild, and honestly don't even take place until nearly the end of the book. Which was fine, however it left me with something of an unsatisfactory finish for the plot climax. I know that this is a series and I'll have to finish the reading, but for now this read was just like an "ok" sci-fi adventure. I say "just ok", because the descriptive elements and world building, were a bit lacking (and not just because the book is dated). I'm truly not even sure what might have made it better. Maybe a glossary of terms? Some background on the universe it's self. I found myself struggling to figure out how some alien species actually looked (a problem I have never experienced from a science fiction novel before).

All in all it's a classic, worth at least a one time read if you're looking for a light space adventure that reads fast and doesn't demand too much from the mind in way of visualizations.

KarnagesMistress says

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Cameron says

It's sort of like a sci-fi novel written by a romance writer. Actually that's exactly what it is. But somehow it ends up being quality scifi that happens to include an interesting budding romance between two aliens who are possibly the last of their respective species.

Leah says

This was a good, light read with interesting characters and settings. The ending is a little abrupt and leaves you feeling unfulfilled, but an entertaining read all in all.

Barbara ★ says

The world-building is lacking enough that the reader isn't really sure what the hell is going on. The Bre'ns

(Kirtn) and the Senya's (Rheba) have some kind of symbiotic relationship but how it works or why is never actually explained. And I had no idea why Rez was so catastrophic as again this concept wasn't explained. Unfortunately this is written as if the reader has inside information on this alien reality. As this is the first book in a new series, I believe these things needed to be explained in order to allow the reader to understand what was going on and why. I won't be continuing this series.
