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Vengeance never looked so beautiful...

Hayjen never believed in myths and nightmares until he came face to face with one. Captured and trapped on a slaver ship, life looks utterly grim. But when mutiny and danger arise, Hayjen is tossed into the ocean's watery depths, where death stalks.

Vengeance is Lilja's middle name. As pirate captain of the Sirenidae, she's made it her life goal to destroy Scythia after what they've stolen from her. After one miscalculation, she finds herself cast into the sea with a man's life in her hands. Despite her laws ringing in her mind, she saves him, exposing a secret she's kept for years.

A secret that could destroy an entire race.

**This can be read as a standalone, or as part of the Aermian Feuds series.*

Siren's Lure Details

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Beverly Laude says

A refreshing story about a siren who has become a pirate in order to free her people. Well-written, well developed characters & great story.

Hayjen was captured & has been held on a ship with a group of young women. All are destined to be sold as slaves. Mer is a young girl who has adopted Hayjen as her family. When the slave ship is boarded by pirates, all of the slaves are freed & the real adventure begins.

I look forward to reading the rest of this story, because this one was truly captivating!

Jennifer says

I did not realize this was part of an already established series but I did enjoy it. I love the concept of mermaids and that's what drew me to this. The story was well written but at times seemed overwhelming and hard to understand. I found the characters were likeable and developed. Although at times the plot was a bit confusing. I plan on reading the rest of the series and I imagine that would provide more context for this book. A good read and definitely 4 out of 5 stars. Thanks to Netgalley for the ARC!

Beth Skye Denny says

A fun tale of pirates and mermaids in a fantasy world with mystery and intrigue and a nice happily ever after!

Carol***BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks says

2.5 stars

ARC received in exchange of an honest opinion

Despite its being said that Siren's Lure can be read as a standalone it left me completely confused.

But then the main reason for it isn't because of the backstory, but because the story is told back and forth without no warning. So I never knew if the characters were dreaming, if things were real or if the formatting was wrong and pages were put at the wrong places.

I only figured, almost at the end, that it was supposed to be a then and now thing. So for me this book lacks good editing.

The story is short, but it is interesting, I wish it was a full length novel, so I could have enjoyed it more. As it is, nothing really makes sense and it was very hard to connect with the characters and the story.

Beth Skye Denny says

A fun tale of pirates and mermaids in a fantasy world with mystery and intrigue and a nice happily ever after!

I first read this book after having already started and completed the full length novelizations in the Aermien Feuds series. After reading this novella I understood the world of Sage & Tehl so much better.

I believe this happens a lot with authors, they begin writing a series and two or three books in they write a novella about an exciting side character that broadens the world building and increases the enjoyment of the overall story.

This is definitely the case with the character of Lilja. Her origin story made the series complete and more understandable. The events unfolding in the Aermian Feuds, the war, the resistance, the secrets etc suddenly made everything crystal-clear. I already highly recommend this series by author Frost Kay and I would recommend to anybody starting out that they find 'Siren's Lure' and read it first, before 'Rebel's Blade', Book One of The Aermian Feuds.

All around this novella was so much fun and the characters of Lilja and Hayjen are just brilliant. I think they should have their own stand alone series!

Mandie says

This book was the prequel to The Aermian Feuds, and as far as prequels go, this one was amazing!! And so short! I wish it was longer! By it not deter from the fact that I loved it!!

Yodamom says

I'm a huge fan of mermaid, sirens, sea creature tales so I was excited to give this series a try with this short novella. Sadly, I didn't get much of the creature world in this short it was more about the meeting and connecting of two of the characters. Their meeting was riddled with mistrust, backed with a bleak history, and mythical tales. Lilja, is a Sirenidae (hiding her true race) and she smells amazing when wet, the book says so. It's some defense but I'm not sure how that would work to save her. I did enjoy getting to know her and the brief look at her mission. Hayjen, the man she rescues, was, I don't know I didn't really get his character or his back story enough to get him. He had a connection to a little girl that was intense and I believed till the end when... His character has some big holes. This was just a novella to a series already published that I know nothing about so I don't expect to get it all. Will I read the series? I'm not sure, this wasn't written as an introduction to the world/series it was a relationship peek. I could see fans of this series really loving this look at their beloved characters.

Laura Hernandez (TheVoluptuousBkDiva/YABkDivas) says

This short story introduced me to the world of the Aermian Feuds. I haven't read any other books in this series and I can't wait to get started with the series. I was introduced to a beautiful and mythical world and though there weren't much of the creatures I love I was given a backstory which I now feel prepares me for the rest.

{I requested an advanced readers copy and made no guarantee of a favorable review. The opinions expressed herein are unbiased and my own}.

Sarah // nerdy_bookdragon96 says

I started the rebels blade series a week ago and just recently finished this one. I was wondering why there hadn't been a title or cover reveal for rebels blade #4 but then I saw that this one was only published two weeks ago. Uhhhhh!!! I have to wait so long!!! I really enjoyed this series and can't wait for the next one.

Patrick says

I read this book after only having read Rebel's Blade, the first book of the Aermian Feuds. As far as I can tell, you could read this before any of the other books as it mostly is just the same world and doesn't really have anything to do with anything.

That last sentence summarizes the book pretty well. Nothing really happens in the book. After the mess that was Rebel's Blade's "plot," this didn't really surprise me as it was much in the same style. Despite being a novella where the author was limited in how much to really elaborate on different things, a good 80% or so is devoted to awkward sexual innuendo/attraction (including Hayjen's uncomfortably deep affection for a little girl) and reflecting on angst. Despite being much older than the characters in Rebel's Blade, Hayjen still pretty much acts like a troubled teenager, so I think this book still fits the YA bill pretty well.

The best parts of the book are that it actually did SOME world-building, the female lead is decent, and it's short.

Rebel's Blade was so devoid of world-building, it was hard to remember I was reading a fantasy novel at times. Aside from unfamiliar names, there was nothing distinctly fantastical about the world and even mundane aspects of the people and places had no real elaboration. This book at least adds the Sirenidae people as a fantastical race, even if they're basically just sirens whose only defining traits are that they're alluring (they "SMELL. SO. DAMN. GOOD.") and can breathe underwater, have gills sometimes, and apparently get along with whale sharks. Oh, there are also whale sharks. At least I'm guessing that's what the leviathans are. They were only really described as "large" "dark" and as having teeth. Still, this modicum of world-building is more than Rebel's Blade had in a full-length novel.

Lilja isn't really a great character or anything, but she's a vast improvement over Stockholm Syndrome Sage. She's for the most part competent, independent, and unafraid to be who she is. She's still kind of annoying

and most of the "plot" in the novel is contrived by her being overly secretive about her people, then eventually shrugging it off so the story can end.

The short length felt better suited to this author's style. Rebel's Blade really dragged on. While it was entertaining in how ridiculous it was, the plot of that book could've been easily reduced to a novella. Even with this book, the plot felt dragged out, despite it being a two-hour read. But at least it wasn't extended even further unnecessarily. If this had been made into a full-length novel, I think it would've been terrible. As is, it successfully achieves "meh" status instead.

Overall, I got about what I expected after Rebel's Blade mixed with a bit of an improvement in character and world. It wasn't a painful read and even the slow parts went by pretty quickly. So I don't really regret reading it, even if it didn't blow me away on any level. My biggest enjoyment, as with Rebel's Blade, was poking fun at how ridiculous and contrived the scenes and characters are. These books make excellent satire. The cover is pretty sick, though I don't think Lilja ever had a magic staff.

Hannah L (Reviewer) says

In a world of siren's and dragons, Siren's Lure tells the story of a kidnapped male slave named Hayjen, his ward Mer and their rescuer the pirate Lilja. After being taken as a slave on an enemy's ship, Hayjen dedicates himself to protecting the women with him, and the small child named Mer from the abuse of their captors. Taking their punishments and beatings, he becomes their hero. One day, while being whipped, the ship they're on gets taken over by a team of pirates. To his relief, these pirates have a moral compass. They save the slaves, and that is where he meets Lilja, the beautiful pirate captain with some odd behaviours. Lilja is a siren, but she hides it to protect herself and her people. Together, Lilja and Hayden will fight to protect the slave women and get them home safely.

The formatting of this book was a mess. It would sporadically jump from the present to the future with no notification or clarification to the readers. It was incredibly confusing and uncomfortable to read. It felt like the chapters of the story were accidentally mixed up and then it was mistakenly published like this. I could not STAND the random jumping back and forth. It ruined my reading experience. If it were rearranged I would have probably enjoyed this novel 100 times more. Other than that, the story was fine. Just fine. I give Siren's Lure the rating of TWO AND A HALF STARS OUT OF FIVE!!!

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Silke says

I was actually pretty excited when I read the synopsis. Mermaids, Sirens, Sea Monsters... they are all up my alley. And it is really hard to find a good mermaid book these days.

Siren's Lure is a little novella set years before the actual Aermian Feuds series and you can read it as a stand-alone. I was quite sceptic about that, because for the past few months I have been reading novella's that are promoted as "stand alone readable" but when I read them I always feel I am missing important background information. No such thing with Siren's Lure. It is as promised readable as a stand-alone. However I must warn you that you will probably want to dive into the whole series after finishing this! I actually loved how much world building was done in such a short novella. There was really detailed

information about the world, the people that inhabit the world and the history. All in all the story was a little predictable, but the overall storyline and the excellent worldbuilding more than made up for that! I am not sure how this will be with the published version but there was one really big let-down in the ARC. The story was all over the place. There was no indication when there were time jumps. One minute you are in the past, the next you are in the future. This influences your reading experience and takes you out of the reading flow. Really annoying! I sincerely hope the printed version will have dealt with this problem! I can't wait to discover the rest of the series!

Lene Blackthorn says

This short prequel novelette introduces us into the world of myths, pirates, and thirst for vengeance. Hayjen never believed the stories about pirates stealing people into slavery - until he fell victim to such an act. On the ship, he tried his best to protect the women, and opened his heart to Mer, a 5-year old cheerful and trusting child. All seemed to turn for the better when their kidnappers were attacked and destroyed by the crew of Sirenidae, with its striking captain Lilja. But the world and the captain hold many secrets, and a sudden twist of fate brings Hayjen to the side of dark rage - one which even his sister does not seem to tame. Despite the short length, the book contains intense emotions, enables establishing an immediate connection to the characters, and provides deep enough insight into their personalities for the reader to understand their motives (and start to understand them as persons). It was a very quick read, I devoured it practically during one train ride back home from work, and totally enjoyed it! Looking forward to continue Lilja and Hayjen's story!

Nkisu says

I was given a copy of this in exchange for an honest review! I have not read any of the other books in The Aermian Feuds, but I did enjoy this novella and I'm keen to explore more of the world. Some things still seem a little vague though. I wish there had been more information about the Sirenidae and Lilja's background, I would've loved to learn more!

WHAT I LIKED MOST:

Lilja and Hayjen's character development. Although this is only a novella, I liked seeing them both progress through the story and I thought their buildup was done quite well.

WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE MOST:

The story flipped back and forth a lot and I got confused because it was hard to distinguish what was a flashback and what wasn't, especially early on in the book. This really frustrated me because it was disorientating and would

This was a quick and easy read, which I believe can be read as a standalone. So, if you're in a nautical mood and like stories about pirates and sirens, give it a shot!

Bobbie Bomber says

I was given a copy of Siren's Lure in exchange for an honest review.

First off this is the first book of the series I've read so I went in pretty blind but I love Sirens, Mermaids, Pirates, and pretty much anything else to do with the genre and even though I wasn't familiar with the story I didn't feel like I had missed anything since from what I've been told this novella is giving background on established characters. I really loved the setting Kay as a great way of writing that really made me feel like I was on the ship. The characters were all really interesting and I really want to read the other books in this series now and really get into this world because it seems like it will be an awesome read.
