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Haikufall says

Another wonderful book I can't wait for the next one.

Jonel Boyko says

This story was fantastic. Smith had me crying one moment and rolling on the floor laughing with the turn of a page. The writing was vibrant and fun, while also eloquent and easy to follow. The plot has it all: love, loss, danger, adventure, and enough chemistry to make your pages sizzle. This is all set in a well-developed world that I don't simply enjoy reading about, but that I'm dying to move to.

I simply couldn't imagine being a Valdier twin. I couldn't picture living assuming that I had a death sentence over my head simply for being born. And then to find out that your only possible salvation is something that you can't quite wrap your mind around? Fate was definitely playing with Cree and Calo here. And Aikaterina's admission that she may have overlooked something? Yeah, that made her an even better goddess in my books. Top this all of with Mel's winning personality and her internal struggle between what she feels she should do and what she needs for herself and you have a cast of characters you simply won't be able to get enough of.

Smith has once again created a completely unforgettable tale. It is a must read for anyone who enjoys shifters, SciFi, or just some good old romance.

Emmie says

Synopsis:

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My review:

I enjoyed this book. I was giggling and smiling at Calo and Cree's confusion. Melina really gave them the run around. But when it mattered she was in their corner and had their backs.

April says

This is one of those side stories that popped up through the series. Having those brooding twins meet their match was fun to see in Carmen's book. We had just enough hints to see things coming. It was interesting seeing those same events from the inside with this book. It did make a few things in the beginning seem to go slower. I just wanted to fast forward to the moment they knew she was a girl and what happened after.

There are no major twist in this book, it is more about the trio than any serious plot drama. Most of the big bad stuff was resolved and not really a part of this story. There is another conflict presented by the nature of them as twin dragons. Apparently, twin dragons never have found a true mate, so things do get dramatic at the end.

It takes awhile for the steam to happen, especially because for a large chunk of the book they thought she was a boy. Once that is dissolved, the spark happens quickly. They are seriously hawt details!! It is super fast for things happening. It is a very spicy book in the end.

I liked this book, but it wasn't a favorite in the series. I just kept waiting for something to happen. Once things did get exciting, it just wasn't enough for me. I would have liked the recap portion to have been quicker and more of their time on Earth as well as them coming home to the village.

As always the narration was a highlight, David Brenin is one of my ear crushes!! I just cannot get enough of his delicious reads!! He has a splendid pace that brings the action to life in delightful ways! I want him to read to me nightly!!

There are still a couple more side books in this series, then the stories of the other planet's princes. I love that this creates such a full world with so much potential!! The connections of the stories is a fascinating puzzle to unravel.

Pam Nelson says

Melina & Calo & Cree

I enjoyed this book not as good as the last one for me but it was still a great installment to this series, and one that needed to be told in my opinion.

Calo and Cree were slowing going mad from there dragon's needing there mate. And it was really starting to affect them. Almost to the point where they would have been destroyed. How sad. It was breaking my heart.

They needed a mate strong enough to handle both of them because they are a part of each other. And here come this spit fire Melina. Not only did she survive being kidnapped and almost starved to death but was a work horse to on an alien ship with her grandfather.

She had to out wit and out maneuver a lot of aliens just to say alive. No wonder she was the right one to be there true mate.

I did find it to be a bit slow and repetitive from the other book but that's ok because we got to see it from her point of view.

I <3'd the end of this book it was sigh wonderful. :)

Jessie Potts says

3.5 stars

This was a hard book to rate, I loved the first half of the book, it was on a spaceship, there was angst, there was hiding out, and good action. Then they find out Mel is a girl and the second half of the book is all about them having sex every which way, as dragons, as men, everywhere. I mean there was that small action scene where Calo and Cree were captured at the village but then more sex. While I love romance and erotica in my books it bothers me when every scene is a sex scene. This book would have gotten four stars had it had more plot the last half.

Having said that I only picked this up because I've been on a sci-fi menage kick lately, I haven't read the previous books so that may be what this series is all about. I'm planning on reading the first because it interested me, hopefully they'll be more twin dragons 0-0

Raine says

It's been a while since I read the series so reading through the book was a little confusing because I forgot some of what happened in the earlier part of the series and who was who. So I think if I re-read the series again and then read this book then I will probably give it a higher rating. But it's possible that my rating won't change because what didn't agree with me was the heroine. She seemed to whine often and do that woe is me thing. Kinda a wimpy heroine in my opinion when the other heroines in the series were much stronger

and sassy...and she is supposedly strong enough to handle two of these dragon!!!

On another topic, I wish the author would put the reading order of these books since I know that The Dragon Lords of Valdier series, The Sarafin Warriors series, and The Curizan Warrior series all interact. I don't seem to see anything on her website regarding this.

Kristin says

I wanted to read this one since I first read Carmens story. It didn't disappoint. The first few books were very repetitive due to overlapping storylines, Cara being so quirky and funny helped me stay engaged and Trisha and Carmen stories gave this sci-fi shifter series ass-kicking-girl-power-pride. Abbey, of course, the gentle introduction into the Valdier universe as well as the primary catalyst of introducing the Valdier to humankinds importance to their future. And sweet Ariel and her many pets.

I loved the beginning of this book getting to see new angles on the Twins trying to address their dragons' insistence that a small unstable boy is in fact their true mate. Meanwhile, Mel, aka, Melanie, is struggling with her desire to fess up to her deception or securing her grandfather's way home to Earth where they were abducted from four years ago as slave labor.

Fast forwarding to the mating scene, I like how the author includes sex (sometimes kinky) without getting too raunchy.

I have read alot of this author's work and enjoyed each one. This is my favorite series by her.

Rosebud says

Cal Turner and his granddaughter Melina are abducted from Earth and sold to the Antrox who use them as slaves to mine ore on astroids. They've been able to successfully hide the fact that Mel is a female as, if discovered, they'll be separated and Mel sold elsewhere. When the Astrox abandon them on a mined out astroid to die, the Valdier Alliance happen to come across them while searching for one of their own who had been captured. They're saved but need to keep up their deception for their own safety.

Calo and Cree Aryeh, rare Twin Dragon brothers, are ferocious warriors with legendary battle skills who are relegated to the role of babysitters for Creon Reykill's mate, Carmen Walker. A role made all the more difficult as no twin dragon pair has ever found their own mate so seeing the mated Creon & Carmen on a daily basis reinforced their own fate. That without a mate they will eventually lose their minds to the darkness requiring their family and friends to terminate them.

When two humans are found in a deserted mine, Carmen is appointed as the liaison for the elderly male and his grandson bringing Cree & Calo in close contact with them. Confused and a bit disgusted, the pair don't know what to do when their dragons and symbiots claim that Mel is their true mate. Would the Goddess truly

have them mate with a male from another world or are they being further punished?

Things become clear when it's found that Mel is Melina. Though she still intends to return to Earth with her grandfather, Calo & Cree know that can't happen as they won't survive being apart though there are those who feel differently. That Melina is too valuable to allow the twin's to keep.

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Another delicious installment in the "Dragon Lords Of Valdier" series that I've been waiting for ever since the author teased me with snippets of Calo, Cree, and Mel in previous installments. So many possibilities ran through my head when at first it seemed that there would be a m-m-m menage relationship only to find out it would be m-f-m.

The story started out with a bang as events were filled in that were paralleled in *Cornering Carmen* and the spin off series. Best way for me to convey my thoughts is Paul Harvey quote: *And now you know — the rest of the story.* And I'm so glad I now do know.
:D

As for the adult content scenes. For those who are uncomfortable with menage/multi-partner relationships, I do feel you won't be pulled too far out of your comfort zone while for those who are fans, the scenes didn't go far enough. To each their own.

I guess a question from those who haven't read any of the series written by this author might be if this could be read as a standalone. I'm on the fence about that. I do think it's time the author includes a genealogy map of sorts in the beginning of her books for a visual reference of who is mated to who and how that relates to the others. Most of her series are interconnected to the point the different characters get confusing and I really don't want to do a book to book search (which I did) when I need a reminder or know who goes with who and where they fall in the overall picture. Just a thought. But. This COULD be read as a standalone though characters from other installments make cameo appearances. The core of the story is independent from other installments.

This was a book any fan of the series will love. Combines action-adventure, snarky humor, and sensual bedroom action to provide a total package experience. For those who haven't read any of this author's previous works, it's more a matter of personal taste where you want to jump in. Each installment is a standalone though to get the full flavor it's recommended to start from the beginning.

Maya says

I had my eye a long time on this series. Lately I've been going through my wish list of books to read and

what would you know I'd find. It pains me to say that this book's been waiting on me to read it for almost two and half years. Yes, I'm bad but there are always so many good books to read.

Anyway, I'm glad I've finally read it and saw what the fuss was all about. To be honest I didn't expect the world and characters to look the way they did. When you think of aliens, you'd usually see a weird creature but in this story, the aliens are actually beautiful dragons and to top it all, you don't just get one fine looking male, no, you get two! Which is a bonus by itself, but when paired with an unusual female, the story gets even more interesting. I'm not giving away any plot but let's just say that their mate knows how to use a shovel and ain't afraid to knock some sense in people, literally.

All main characters fit with each other and have something that completes them as a whole. They have a tough road ahead of them but that makes the story for what it is. There's emotion, action, misunderstandings and so much more.

The only thing that did bother me was how the big misunderstanding at the end of the book was solved. Or should I say, wasn't solved. Had that happened on Earth, you'd get the chair! So the solution the author chose was for me way to injust. Had it been me, the wrongdoers would be either dead or in excruciating pain. All in all, the story is good and I will definitely give this series a chance.

Sonja says

I love reading a series where the story in each book parallel each other and intersect at points. This time though, it had been long enough where it took me a bit more to link the points with Carmen's story. Though that didn't take away from this story at all really.

This book begins quite a while before the actually story to give us a little insight as to what happens when twin dragons don't find their mate. Calo and Cree are witness to this and swear that they will never allow themselves to get that point. Fast forward now a couple centuries and the two of them have pledged themselves to the service of the royal family. They have distinguished themselves as quite the formidable team of warriors and are currently on a mission with Creon to rescue Vox. Only, they know time for them is running out for them because it is getting increasingly harder for them to control their dragons. They had always hoped to die in battle but it doesn't seem like it will happen.

As we already knew, Melina and her grandfather (Cal) were abducted years ago and ended up on an asteroid as slaves. Once the mine was abandoned, they eventually were the last two left alive and were just about to run out of clean air and food when the alarms sounded and they knew someone had landed. After much frustration, Creon agrees to take them and the animal with him. Cal decides that it would be better for Mel to keep pretending to be a mute boy but that soon leads to complications. Mainly when Calo and Cree are around. Mel doesn't understand the affect they have on her and she fears that their attraction to her would falter if they found out she was a girl. After all, they do think she's a boy. (view spoiler) But when Cal has a heart attack, she's so desperate to save him that she doesn't care who finds out she's a girl. And it immediately makes so much fall into place for Calo and Cree (view spoiler) Melina is lost now because she is truly alone even though the twins have promised her that she would never be alone again. Even so, she is determined to go home and have a normal life. It doesn't take long for her to realize that Earth is no longer her home though. And shortly thereafter she realizes that she also needs both Calo and Cree because of what Cree's dragon started when his control slipped. From there it's pretty much them trying to get to know each other better and the twins learning that Melina needs to be left alone sometimes no matter what they want.

The ending was an interesting surprise. I figured that they would take her home to meet their parents but what happened in the village was something I wasn't expecting.

One thing that bugged me about this story was Cal aboard the ship. He acted like such an ungrateful bastard toward pretty much every Valdier that came to where they were staying. I get that he did that to keep them out so that they wouldn't learn Melina's secret, but I couldn't believe how rude he was to the people who saved the two of them when they didn't have to.

This wasn't the first book in a series where twins had to claim the same mate that I have read so, I admit, I was curious as to how these two would deal with it. Being all alpha dragons and all I couldn't imagine how they would deal with their jealousy when their brother got the attention of their mate. Needless to say it wasn't such a surprise when the two of them started fighting. Though their acceptance of having to share seemed to come pretty darn quick when Melina's dragon put them in place...

Sadly...I missed that there was no Zoren and Abby in this book.

Mada Linux says

I hate it when authors introduces characters from other series in a new one. Especially from series that I have no interest in reading. Forcing me to read something just to understand what they are talking about, is just wrong.

Nah, man. I won't do it.

This is one of the things that puts me off a book.

This book had a great start. Until they start talking about Ha'ven. As in Ha'ven's Song, which I didn't like at all (probably because they were mentions of other series and I had no idea what was going on), and as I mentioned before, this things put me off a book.

My expectations instatly dropped with this one.

The middle of the book was a mess, and I admit that I liked Melina better when she didn't talk.

The only reason I gave it 3 stars is because of the promising start and the last 5% of it.

I'm so very scared of reading more books by this author. I don't understand why bother starting a new series if everything is linked anyway? Why not just make a very long, long one, so you won't confuse ignorant readers like me.

Coyora Dokusho says

I want books that aren't so intertwined with other books. Decent.

I was going to do this detailed instruction manual of what incredibly complicated order to read the books in, but life is too short! Basically, I read books 2-5 at the same time, skipping between them at points of intersection of the books! Because! Spoilers! Ye flippin' gods the spoilers between books. And it irritated me. I had to keep going to the next book (books 6 to... 9?) because the previous book was spoiling. I skipped

the sex scenes. I started reading the series because my Amazon kept suggesting I should read the Dragonling's Christmas and such. I wanted the adorableness!!! And they were adorable... But thank gods I'm out of that interminable morass of nonsense!! Ah, plenty of continuity errors, mostly timeline.

Megan says

Terrible. Just terrible. Melina was an awful female character and the twins were just as bad. The story was bad. This was just not a good book.

tj ★ says

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