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Aries has lived her entire life aboard mankind's last hope, the *New Dawn*, a spaceship traveling toward a planet where humanity can begin anew -- a planet that won't be reached in Aries' lifetime. As one of the last genetically desirable women in the universe, she must marry her designated genetic match and produce the next generation for this centuries-long voyage. But Aries has other plans. When her desperate escape from the *New Dawn* strands her on a desert planet, Aries discovers the rumors about pirates -- humans who escaped Earth before its demise -- are true. Handsome, genetically imperfect Striker possesses the freedom Aries envies, and the two connect on a level she never thought possible. But pursued by her match from above and hunted by the planet's native inhabitants, Aries quickly learns her freedom will come at a hefty price. The life of the man she loves.

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From Reader Review Paradise 21 for online ebook

Nancy (The Avid Reader) says

Aries Ryder had lived her entire life aboard the spaceship the New Dawn. Aries didn't like living her whole life on a ship, she was very determined not to. The New Dawn was headed to a new planet like earth, Paradise 21. Only thing was Aries would never live on Paradise 21 and she wanted off the ship. On the New Dawn your whole life was planned out for you. The computer picked your lifemate for you and you spent the rest of your life with that person. The computer also picked your life career for you from results of the test that you took. Test that you were trained for since the first day started school. Aries wanted no part of the life that she had been dealt. So she has been making plans for a while to get off the ship. She stole an escape pod and left the headed for a planet called Sahara 354. She had no clue what she would find on the planet but I guess to her it had to be better than marrying someone you didn't like much less love besides that someone you didn't even know.

After Aries crashed on Sahara 354 she ran into a little trouble with the life force on the planet. She was very lucky that she wasn't the only human on the planet. Striker had been stranded on the planet for five years by his own crew members, people he trusted. Striker had found a map to a new planet and his crew stole his ship and left him behind. But as soon as they realized that the map wasn't going to help them seeings how Striker had encoded it so no one could find it and get to the planet without him. Striker is a very smart man; he knows what he is doing.

Lieutenant Astor Barliss the man that Aries had been matched up with by the computer went looking for her when she failed to show up for a wedding. When he couldn't find her in her personal cell he called the main control deck and had them to activate her locator he found out that she had left the ship. He told them to inform the commander that she was missing and they were going to have to turn around. Barliss was very determined to get Aries back no matter what it cost him or the people on the New Dawn. A woman that he was going to marry was not going to embarrass him like this and get away with it. Barliss is the kind of man that likes to be the boss, to be in control. I can just see him not exactly running down the corridors of the ship but at a very brisk walk not shouting but in a very loud voice saying "stop the ship, stop the ship we have to turn around, now". The kind of man he is, having this picture in my mind kind of cracks me up.

I knew I had to read Paradise 21 after I read my first novel Colonization by Aubrie Dionne. I had to know more about Paradise 21 and other people from earth. I wanted to learn how their ancestors destroyed earth. I have always been a Star Trek fan and knew that the New Dawn series would be a great read especially after reading Colonization. I love Aubrie Dionne's writing she is amazing. I love reading science fiction and fantasy novels. I can't wait to know more about other people on some of the other ships that left earth behind to find a new life on a planet similar to earth. I have all intentions of reading the rest of the series as I do own them. This is a very great series and I highly recommend that anyone who likes science fiction or even if you don't, then this would be a great series to start with.

Ambur says

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading Paradise 21. I knew it wasn't going to have Earth as its setting, and that somehow Aries was going to meet a handsome man named Striker. I knew these things from the blurb on Goodreads, but they didn't prepare me for this book...at all! Instead, I was wowed by a book that

was way more than I expected. I expected to like it obviously, or I wouldn't have signed up to read it for a blog tour, but I definitely didn't expect to get as wrapped up in this story as I did. When I finished Paradise 21, I was honestly upset that it was over...I was like "I want to more!!!" :P

Now that I have professed my love for this book, it's time for some details. The characters were fantastic. Aries was amazing! The fact that she'd grown up on a ship where they basically discouraged any type of original thought didn't deter her at all. She was amazing; smart, determined, thrifty, and selfless when those that she loved were at risk. I have to admit, I love seeing heroines who use their heads, and when they don't like what it's saying, they follow their heart. Then there was Striker...oh my, my, my. If I ever try and land on a strange planet from my cramped life on a spaceship, I hope I find a space pirate like him...now I know what you're thinking, "That won't happen...seriously...ever!" And, you know what, you're right! It won't, but a girl can dream, can't she? :P

Along with Striker and Aries, were Barliss, Aries' betrothed, Tiff and Drifter, Striker's ex-crewmates, and a few newbies thrown in. I'll admit, I was not a fan of Barliss. He was heartless, and was willing to do anything to get his way. He was basically a 40-something bully who was doing it all in the name of the cause. Tiff and Drifter, were also pretty selfish. They staged a mutiny on Striker, and abandoned him on Sahara 354...which I guess turned out alright, since that's where he met Aries. ;) I also really liked Loot, who was rescued by Tiff when he was little, he was just so darn sweet, and so loyal. :)

I thought the story itself was fantastic! Aubrie did a fantastic job crafting the world of Paradise 21. I felt it was realistic, and it the perfect amount of descriptive. Hopefully you understand what I mean by that. haha I'll clear it up though, just in case. By saying Paradise 21 was the perfect amount of descriptive, I mean that it wasn't overly descriptive, which frankly bores me after a while, or not descriptive enough. It was just right. I felt like I could actually picture the world around Striker, and Aries, and it was as if I was really there.

Along with the characters, and descriptions, I loved the romance of this story. I was definitely a fan of Striker and Aries, and I loved them together. The whole concept of choice was huge in Paradise 21, too. It made a big impact on me. Aries grew up on the New Dawn, where everything was chosen for her. Her job, her husband, and all other choices were decided for her based on the fact that they had an obligation to pass on their unique genetic code. Their whole lives were lived as machines basically, and their main operative was to mate, and pass on their DNA so that a generation in the future would reach the ship's destination, Paradise 21. I loved that Aries was fighting so hard to have choices, and that she was so passionate about being able to have them at all, it was kind of inspiring, and makes you think about how we kind of take the fact that we have choices for granted. Ergo, I loved that Paradise 21 made me think, and examine my own choices. It's always nice when a book blows away your expectations...and Paradise 21 definitely blew mine out of the water...or should I say into outer space. ;)

Sophia says

What a very exciting Sci-Fi Adventure! It just hit the ground running with a young gal crash landing on an inhospitable planet and going into survival-mode.

Aries is part of a group of colonists that have been in space for several generations after escaping the dying earth. The colonists live by a very specific code and one of those codes is accepting an assigned marriage to keep the bloodlines strong. They are also given assigned careers based on how they test. Aries is stifled by these restrictions and makes her escape to a nearby desert planet that will just sustain life though not for a

whole colony. When she reaches the planet, she instantly gets into trouble with an indigenous tribe of lizard-like people and a sandworm, but gets rescued by Striker, a pirate. Aries had been taught the pirates are low lifes and soon learns that her education might not have been accurate.

Striker was marooned on the desert planet by his shipmates who betrayed his trust and took his ship. He has made the most of his circumstances, but has no plans to allow Aries anywhere near his heart. Striker has found and started repairing a spaceship crashed there and its from an advanced alien civilization leaving behind the hope of their dying species. Aries agrees to help him finish putting it back together so they can get off the planet. She is in agreement with his plans to carry the precious alien eggs, gather the orphans from a dying space station and journey to a fresh new earth-like world that Striker found a map to.

Before they can fulfill their goals, everything falls apart. Aries' promised male is determined to have her back and the pirates who abandoned Striker discover that he encoded his map and now they need him. I won't offer any spoilers to the exciting ending so I'll stop here.

I really enjoyed the plot with its blend of the Sci-Fi world building, adventure, intrigue and romance. The explanations are given in such a way that the plot doesn't bog down, but its easy to follow. I liked the descriptive voice that really made me see the barely surviving remnants of the people from old earth and what that would be like between the colonists' world and the pirates' world where one has all the advantages and riches from earth and the other having to scavenge to stay alive.

The romance was gentle and on the sweet, clean side.

The focus is more on the adventure, but the characters are not neglected. There are multiple points of view used to tell the story in third person so I got several perspectives and it helped get to know the characters and their motivations.

Nice start to a series. Recommended for any Sci-Fi Romance lover who likes their romances on the sweet and clean side.

Majanka says

Life on the New Dawn is predictable to say the least. Original thoughts are discouraged at all levels, future spouses are selected by a computer and rebellion is certainly out of hte question. Naturally, sooner or later someone is going to try and escape. However, since escape is usually noticed fast, and the properties of some possible refugee-planets aren't necessarily ideal either. But that doesn't stop Aries, our heroine, one of the few people aboard the colony ship actually capable of forming a single self-created thought. When she finds herself, to her horror, paired to Lieutenant Barliss, a heartless and sometimes even cruel man whose determination to follow the set system of rules is without boundaries, Aries knows she has to make a run for it. She would rather die than spend her entire life in this prison she is forced to call home.

But her escape backfires at first as she is being held hostage by alien creatures and natural inhabitants of the planet she chose as destination. Luckily for Aries, a marooned space pirate called Striker comes to her rescue. Hurt beyond repair by a former love of his, Striker is reluctant to open up his heart for anyone again. But as his attraction towards Aries grows, and she begins to see him romantically as well, they just can't deny their feelings any longer. For Striker, Aries presents a long-awaited second chance at love, life and happiness, and for Aries Striker represents freedom, hope and a chance at a future of her own choosing.

Aries and Striker work together to repair the space ship Striker has been using for shelter, their now only hope of leaving this planet. Unfortunately, Aries gets captured and Striker's old crew pops up out of nowhere with a debt to collect. They want him to interpret a coded map leading straight to Paradise 21, the paradise and salvation man kind has been searching for ever since Earth became uninhabitable by man's own mistakes.

The main reason why Aries' life seems so predetermined is because her supposedly only goal in life is to pass on her unique genetic code, so that one day in the future their offspring would be able to reach the New Dawn's true destination, Paradise 21, hence the title of the book. Choice, and being unable to choose one's own future, is a major concept in this book, and it's an interesting one as well. What would you do if your only purpose was to procreate so that one day your ship could reach a Paradise-like Planet? Would you follow the rules as set before you, or would you take a chance at the unknown and try to escape, with possible fatal results? Furthermore, this book talks about Paradise 21, a mythical utopian planet the post-apocalyptic survivors have been looking for since the day they were forced to leave Earth. It's utopia and its existence is widely debated since no one has ever ventured there before. The thought alone that its properties and climate would be fit to keep humans alive would be a long shot, if such planet existed to begin with. But Paradise 21 is more than just a destination: it's hope. For the humans aboard the New Dawn and for Striker's crew of space pirates, it's their final hope.

As you can see from my last paragraph, Paradise 21 really leaves room for thought. It talks about the freedom of choice and how much one would be willing to sacrifice to gain that freedom, but it also talks about hope at the end of a most catastrophical disaster, and humanity's unfailing ability to always find said hope, even in the darkest of days. I'm usually not a big fan of science fiction, because I generally see it as a genre filled with cliché books and substandard writing, but Paradise 21 made me reconsider. This book is fast-paced and action-filled with multi-layered and complex characters, interesting villains and some pretty strong thoughts about choosing one's own destiny and the perseverance of hope, against all odds. Barliss, Aries' former fiance, was one of the characters I personally found the most interesting, especially as he changes towards the end and shows us the monster he was all along. There is no villain more interesting than one who thinks he is doing the right thing.

If you like science fiction, Paradise 21 definately is an excellent choice. If you don't like science fiction, you shouldn't pass by this book either. It reads like a movie script, leaving you barely room to breathe and relax, but at the end it keeps you with some unanswered questions, the desire to read more about these characters and this dystopian, futuristic world they're living in, and a whole lot of questions in your mind about how much you would be willing to sacrifice to the things we deem as being normal in today's world. I loved this book, and I recommend it to everyone who's looking for something different and unique.

Laurie says

This book is unquestionably, without a doubt, my favorite Science Fiction book this year. It began well, and by the end, I was just totally blown away. The characters captured my imagination and tugged my heartstrings. Each of them is distinctive and fully-fleshed, with believable history and motivations.

Aries is a beautiful woman who dares to flaunt the rules and restrictions imposed upon all the pioneers aboard the colony ship. Regardless of consequences, she is determined to escape the confines of the huge vessel. She has no desire to be mated to the man that was computer selected for her, nor does she want a lifetime of a computer-assigned career in a field that holds no interest.

It was easy for me to relate to Aries. It was easy to feel compassion for her predicament. At the same time, though, I could understand the necessity for her to fall in line, indeed, truly, the possible survival of everyone aboard the colony ship could be in jeopardy if the group were to lose her unique and carefully selected DNA.

Aries is an intelligent, strong woman, and a fierce, cunning fighter. She meets creatures that are unusual and exceedingly dangerous; against all odds she perseveres. Then she encounters another human on the blistering desert planet. Striker is a space pirate who has been marooned for five years – tricked by the woman he had loved and trusted.

Striker and Aries share a dogged determination to survive even with the odds stacked severely against them. I thrilled to share vicariously in their many adventures. They encountered and overcame adversity; determined to follow their own paths and, in the process, give the desperate, wretched, orphaned survivors of a barely functional space station new hope, and a chance for a future ripe with possibility. It is almost unheard of for me to re-read a book, but honestly, with this one I may have to make a rare exception.

Reviewed by Laurie-J

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“The only paradise is paradise lost” - Marcel Proust, French Novelist and Author, 1871-1922

Aries Ryder escapes from the spaceship New Dawn. it is the only home she has ever known in her entire life but she cannot allow the union with her chosen mate Lieutenant Astor Barliss to take place. the gravitational pull of Sahara 354 causes Aries' pod to crash on the desert planet. Aries encounters its indigenous inhabitants and meets another human, an Outlander named Striker. together, they will forge a bond that would bring them to a new planet where they hope to start anew and build a better world.

what an awesome and enjoyable ride to the stars this has been. i love everything about this book. the plot is actually quite simple but the author has woven her own magic and made it very interesting. her characters are three dimensional and memorable. even the bad guys like Barliss are endearing to a certain degree. although Sahara 354 may remind me of Frank Herbert's Dune, it has its own appeal and provides a suitable background to the story. the descriptions of New Dawn, Outpost Omega and the alien ship with its strange hieroglyphs and cargo evoked amazing images. nothing prepared me though for one detail that played a significant role in Aries' rescue. this was contrived by Reckon, a Coder whose loyalty appeared questionable and constantly niggled at my thoughts. my imagination went into overdrive when i read how it was done and i think you will too!

author Aubrie Dionne has written a very readable sci-fi romance adventure that even hard core fans of the genre would appreciate. i highly recommend this as well to those who are:

- hesitant to read science fiction
- curious about it and do not know where to start

this book has my vote!

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SheLove2Read says

Paradise 21 is 3 generations out from *A Hero Rising*. While Striker is the descendent of James Wilfred in AHR, the rest of the cast is new. I have to say I did not enjoy this one nearly as much as the prequel. The pacing was slow and I wasn't able to connect to the characters in the same way as before. Striker and Aries's relationship seemed to happen at light speed (pardon the pun) and was not believable.

A reluctant 3 stars. I won't be continuing the series.

MarytheBookLover says

My Opinion:

I enjoyed this one. In fact, I read it pretty quickly considering I had many books to review at the time. If you are a fan of Sci-Fi, you will totally get a kick out of this story. It is an epic tale all about love and freedom. Aries is pretty much a prisoner of her soon to be mate Captain Barliss. Genetics has decided that Aries must marry the Captain, but Aries has other plans. She devises a plan to get out of her wedding by jumping ship. What she finds in the end is not ideal, but she does gain her freedom. The only problem is, the Captain will stop at nothing to get her back.

Aries is saved by the pirate Striker and I can't help but thank the galaxy that he's there. Striker was left on the planet Aries drops into for 5 years by some crew members that are, in my opinion, too stupid for their own good. They find out about the same time that they need Striker to help them get off their dying ship. So, not only is the Captain looking for Aries, but there are rogue shipmates looking for Striker. This book is fun, fast paced and simply put, entertaining. Want to know what happens next? Read the book!

I give Paradise 21 by Aubrie Dionne 4.5 of 5 stars.

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

Paradise 21 is a sci fi that takes place in the 27th century. Earth is no more. The surviving Earthlings that fled the dying planet now live in space ships, roaming space looking for a paradise planet to colonize and begin new life on. These are the people known as Lifers. They are keeping their superior DNA spread through arranged marriages while living life as dictated by "The Guide." The less fortunate those who were deemed to have inferior DNA and not selected to leave a rotting Earth rioted, stole a few colony ships and over took a space station by force. Their survival instincts have kept them alive for several hundred years, but their resources are almost out.

In a desperate attempt to run from an arranged marriage and a life that has been prescribed to her Aries flees

the ship, her only known home the New Dawn. The knowledge that the ship she was born on, raised on, will likely die on pushes her to the decision to eject herself into space in an escape pod. This is the first of many decisions she makes benefiting herself with her own life choices.

Striker has been abandoned on a desert planet for the past five years after his crew mutinied and stole his ship. On the ship is a highly coded very hidden map to an uninhabited paradise. Little does Striker know that after 5 unsuccessful years of attempting to locate the map and then decode it his ex-lover along with the mutinous crew members are on their way to retrieve him.

Sahara 354 quickly becomes a very popular desert planet. Aries has safely landed her escape pod on this desert planet that has mildly hospitable conditions. New Dawn and Aries betrothed Barliss have arrived looking for her. The Morphic Marauder has arrived with its crew looking for Striker. Not to mention that the indigenous inhabitants are none too happy about all of the above.

Tiff and Barliss are seeking Striker and Aries for very selfish reasons. Barliss is the narcissistic power hungry fiancé that Aries fled from. She is his ultimate trophy wife. Barliss sees Aries as a means for his political gains and career advancements. Tiff is Striker's ex-lover who assisted in the coup that left him alone in the desert for the past five years. Tiff and the rest of Striker's previous crew know they need him to decode the map. They know that they can no longer live on the deteriorating space station.

I was amazed at the amount of action that was stuffed into this book. The readers also get into the minds of a number of characters including the villains. I liked the way this book lets the readers come to know the characters. The characters are fleshed out extremely well. Their pasts are shown, the reasons for some of the decisions that they have made along with some potential futures. The all of the various settings are exceptionally realistic. The realism of the whole book is actually amazing. Dionne has painted a very vivid picture for her readers.

I only have two very minor complaints. The first is mostly my own fault. It has nothing to do with the book, the writing, or the author. I was a little disappointed in the fact that I had thought this was a romance. It is not a romance. The hero and heroine form a loving bond, they become a couple, but there is no love story romance in this book. I also felt that two of the conflicts wrapped up a little too perfectly. Barliss and Tiff caused a great deal of drama. They also had very negative roles in Striker and Aries lives. For those conflicts to get the resolution that they did, it just seems too easily resolved in my opinion.

I saw on the Dionne's website that she is currently working on a tie in novella for her New Dawn series called A Hero Rising. Book #2 Tundra 37 is currently going through edits. I enjoyed Paradise 21. I can easily see myself continuing reading this series. I am very curious as to where Dionne will take her Space Pirates and Lifers.

Anne says

I loved this book! It was totally awesome science fiction romance. (No sex, FYI). Can't wait to read the rest of the books!

Cherie says

In Aubrie Dionne's *Paradise 21*, the chance for freedom resides where the heart is.

Aries is a Lifer, residing on the New Dawn and bound by whatever fate test scores and a computer cook up for her. Longing for a life of her own, she escapes to Sahara 354, a land of eternal day, sandworms, lizard-people, and a smoking hot space pirate named Striker. When her betrothed-to-be lands on the planet in search for her, Aries may have to give up her long-lost freedom for the man she loves.

Paradise 21 is beautifully written. Each word sings on the page and lends importance to the plot, setting, and characters. Ms. Dionne brings to life new worlds from cold, deep space to the desert planet and its strange inhabitants. We feel the heat and the isolation within the universe. As a science fiction novel, *Paradise 21* explodes with action-packed drama; as a romance novel, it oozes with sweet romance. The strongest part of this novel resides within the characters. They are flawed and wonderful. Their issues and how they overcome them moves the plot forward. There is never a dull moment! Each character shows growth in who they are, although some characters never change, like people. Ms. Dionne yanks the reader into the worlds she creates and doesn't let them up for air until the last page. Best of all, *Paradise 21* reminds us freedom is sacred, sacrifice involves love, and every creature is important.

Aubrie Dionne's *Paradise 21* catapults me into outer space where anything is possible, but most of all love, and I love this novel and highly recommend it.

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

Well, I am a bit disappointed that for such a futuristic book (the crew of the New Dawn have been in space for about 300 years and have another 200 years to go) had way too many patriarchal assholes. Men are the ones in power with women (mostly) in a helpmate/breeding role. Ick.

Aries was born on the ship and had her job and husband all picked out for her. Barliss was chosen for her and all he sees in her is what she can do for him and give him. She plans her escape and reaches a desert planet Sahara 354.

I thought that was interesting and wish more time had been spent on the natives there. Barliss (of course) comes after her and destroys what he sees as in his way. I wanted him to have either some epiphany that he was as asshole OR have something (bad) happen to him. He gets rewarded instead. I'm not sure how I feel about the ending with Tiff and Loot.

While the falling in love was fast, there wasn't much romance in this one. Overall, while I liked it, I'm not sure if I will continue on with this series. Book 2 has an overall higher average then this one, so maybe 1 more?

Theresa Milstein says

This is a very exciting book review for me. Why, you ask? I read this in rough draft form for Aubrie Dionne last year and I'm in the book acknowledgements for being a beta reader. This is also the first time I've seen a book from its beginnings to its publication. I wouldn't have agreed to write this post if I wasn't certain I'd love the final version of the book.

The book begins with Aries about to crash land on a desert planet, which had me swept in from the beginning. I liked Aries's combination of independence and vulnerability. From there, we learn more about Aries and why she had to leave through her unattractive intended, Commander Barliss's point of view. Next we meet Striker, the space pirate who was abandoned on the forsaken planet. His charisma reminded me of Indiana Jones. While Striker is an asset to the desolate planet, the creepy creatures that also live there are not. Soon we're introduced to Tiff, the petite Goth girl with a bite who abandoned Striker, and whom she still has feelings for. She regrets her decision to stop believing in him, but is she too late?

Aubrie Dionne builds three believable worlds in this book: on the ship Aries left behind, on the planet Aries finds, and on a pirate ship where Tiff subsides.

The author is skilled at getting in the heads of several characters enough that we feel we know them. It's tricky for authors to pull off multiple points of view, but she does it well. Each character has dimension and a distinct voice. Even if I didn't agree with or particularly like a character, I related to their perspectives.

While each of these characters travels through space, winds up on Paradise 21, and hurtles through space again, they go on their own inward journeys. The book had a good balance between action and character development. Caring about the characters made me invested that much more in their fates. I found myself pulling for Aries and Tiff, even though I wanted Striker to end up with Aries. Their chemistry was undeniable.

Paradise 21 is filled with interesting plot twists. The author is a master at writing action scenes that make me think, Oh no! They're never getting out of this one!

Aubrie Dionne pulled off a terrific feat. Before I read her work, I was sure I didn't read Science Fiction. Space Opera, what's that? Apparently, if you throw a little romance into the mix in a future with space travel and distant planets, I'm hooked.

Kara-karina says

4.25/5

To my profound relief this wasn't an advertised paranormal romance. It was a balanced sci-fi with a splash of romance.

The world-building was what really fascinated me, not the relationship between two people thrown together by circumstances. The world-building was vivid and writing felt so smooth I couldn't believe how fast I finished reading the book.

Aries escapes her ship which is more like a big city where the colonists live and work and preserve their precious DNA until they get to New Dawn - a planet with similar habitat to Earth. No worries, they only

have another 200 years to go. Because resources are limited, the colonists life is very restricted - computers choose their professions according to their best abilities and also choose their partners as best match in DNA. That's what Aries doesn't want.

Her intended is an ambitious and conniving beautiful man who wants Aries only as his trophy wife. She is smart, healthy and beautiful.

Aries escapes him and goes onto the nearest habitable planet, which very much reminded me of Dune - there are monstrous worms, deserts and weird humanoid creatures.

She quickly loses all her supplies and is in danger of dying of dehydration when she is found by Striker who has been living on the same planet for 5 years.

Striker was deserted by his team of pirates who didn't agree with his policies and plans. He is also a decoder who knows the coordinates of the closest planet where people will be able to settle.

Both survivors join their forces to fix an old alien ship which crashed on this planet, so they can fly away.

Of course, nothing goes according to plans. Aries has her intended hunting her down, and Striker's team decides to take him back so they can find new Earth...

There are a lot of fascinating details in this book, - how Aries's fiance changes, the description of the alien ship and the forgotten culture, Striker's ex-team and where they have to live... it's all coming in flashes.

However there are a lot of TSTL moments too. How about this one. Barliss, Aries fiance catches Striker. He doesn't know if he knows anything about her.

Barliss pushed his way through the men and shoved his face into Striker's. "We're looking for a runaway. Five-foot-five, slender, with auburn hair." Striker looked him straight in the eye. "Haven't seen her." Barliss pulled his head back and sized Striker up and down.

I'm sorry. Did he tell you they were looking for a woman? No. He just gave you a description. Saying haven't seen her is a dead giveaway in my book, but none of the men acknowledge it. *facepalm*

However, despite slight discrepancies and flaws of character I really enjoyed this book and am very much looking forward to the next installment.

Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says

Wow, this was a really good book. I loved the romance that happens in it too. I can relate to Aries as well. I would not want to be forced into a loveless marriage so I could "produce" more perfect DNA. Meaning kids. Yeah, not happening, lol. I do not blame her for leaving the New Dawn, which is a colony ship, which is on its way to Paradise 21, another planet far away, but the New Dawn won't get there in her lifetime. Anyway, it has excitement, romance, a hot guy , and I mean Striker.

I did not like her computer chosen mate, he was a jerk, and hated that he got everything he wanted, but he is controlling, so of course he goes after Aries, to drag her back to the ship.

She crash lands on a desert planet, and is lucky to meet up with one human, yes, the hot guy Striker.

I do not want to say too much more, but will say, if you enjoy sci-fi at all, you will love this. It doesn't have a bunch of scientific jargon to stump you at all. It's all easy to understand and follow the story. I had a hard time putting this book down.

A Must read in my opinion.

Watch for my review of the next New Dawn series book, called Tundra 37. I will get to Have 6, the newest book soon, for the book tour.

I really only have one negative to say, and that is the cover, the girl on cover looks Nothing like Aries is supposed to look, first Aries is of the best DNA and is gorgeous, with auburn hair and light eyes, blue I think, forget now, but anyway, girl on cover is not even close to pretty enough, not to mention, the look is nothing like what Aries would wear. Just my opinion. Would have been better to not have any models on it if the right ones are not found.

5 out of 5 stars.

I received this book for the book tour coming up for Haven 6, the latest book in the New Dawn series.

The others in this series, but each can be a stand alone book.