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Paranormal Dragonshifter Romance

The would-be heroine...

Aeron wants nothing more than to continue to live out her very long, solitary life in a small metal room listening to communications for the Federation Military. It's not glamorous. It's not even charming. But it's safe. There's no chance of getting hurt.

When she intercepts a communication about the impending genocide of the Qurilixian people, she has no choice but to act. No one at the Federation seems inclined to do anything about the threat and suddenly it's up to her to save a whole planet. Enlisting the help of her degenerate sister, Aeron finds herself signed up as a prospective bride to the very barbarians she's trying to save.

The man who did not need saved...

High Duke of Draig, Lord Bron, is not looking forward to his seventh failed attempt at a marriage ceremony, but when he sees the lovely Aeron he knows instantly his years of waiting have finally paid off. The gods have blessed him with a life mate... or have they? His new bride is insistent she's not there for marriage, but for a mission. It's up to Bron to convince her to stay, or risk spending the rest of his life alone.

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Pam Louis says

Ah the cousins are just as much alpha dragon men as the princes! I loved book 5 miss pillow does it again and we have new set of brothers to fall for lol, great story line, plot and troubles! Can't wait to read the next book!

Vanessa says

* 3.5

I didn't like it as much as the first 4 books. I was a bit disappointed how short it was.

Teresa A Elam says

Great read

I loved the storyline as always. Great development of characters and a surprise about Ri! This was another novel I couldn't put down!

Sandra says

La serie es muy buena, buenos personajes!!

Quinn says

Aeron took FOREVER to tell someone about the intercepted transmission. Got pretty annoyed about that.

Pairing felt a little lacklustre - probably because I couldn't really connect with either of them.

Diana Woodward says

To Love and Protect

Great story about love of a planet, sister, mate and family. Trying to make a difference to save a planet not her own and live a dream come true. Look forward to the next story of this series. Love the Audible reading due to i can do more than one thing at a time. It also puts feeling in the story and is as good of not better than the old radio series i heard as a kid.

Megan says

Aeron Grey overhears a transmission signaling the possible invasion to the planet Qurilixen while at work for the Federation. When she reports her suspicions, her superiors don't want to get involved since Qurilixen is not part of the Federation. Not one to take the possible destruction of a planet's population in stride she sets out with the help of her sister to warn the Qurilixen people of the attack. Unfortunately the only way they can find to get there is using the Galaxy Brides corporation where they must sign a contract to become brides on that planet. Aeron doesn't see this as a problem since she doesn't plan to stay there or be picked as a bride.

Lord Bronislaw, High Duke of Draig attends the Breeding Festival for the seventh time, he has lost all hope that he will find a bride. He is pleasantly shocked to discover his bride in Aeron and sets out to make her his.

This is the 5th book in the Dragon Lords series set in the same time frame as the previous four books. Bron is the cousin of the four princes and his family is in charge of the breeding of animals, mining, and some intergalactic travel. It has been a few weeks since I read about the four princes so it was nice to go back to the series. While this book is a nice addition to the series, I felt there was something lacking in it. It's not as long as the previous books and it seems to end abruptly with many unanswered questions. You do get a brief epilogue where you know that the rest of the story will be told in the other brothers books but it still leaves Bron and Aeron's story a little up in the air.

I was happy to see that this story took place (mostly) away from the palace and if you don't read the previous four books, you won't be lost. All the locations, building and clothes were well described. I just wish there was a little more of just Bron and Aeron. Their relationship was sometimes put on the back burner so that the set up for the series could be told. With that said I still really enjoyed the story and I will be looking for the next one when it comes out.

Karen says

This book was about 10 chapters shorter than the normal Dragon Lord book but is meant to be picked up by three additional books. I liked the story of two sisters who hitch a ride from Galaxy Brides and both end up brides, One of the two sisters work for the federation as a communications analyst and picks up a message that a hostile species the Tyoe are going to attack the Draig and the home planet they live on to take the planet's rich minerals and / ore. This is used to fuel ships..

So Aeron gets her sister to help to get to this planet the sister Ri is a gambler and universal traveler 'a jack of no trades' scammer and lover of life. These two come from a planet which was destroyed by a war ship who had a new weapon and wanted to try it out well they did and blew up the planet and themselves in the end but Aeron and Ri were off planet on a field trip for school. Aeron now has a complex which causes her to want to help others, hearing this transmission from the Tyoe she reports to her boss and they tell her don't worry about it the Draig planet is not in the federation not our business... She cannot except that with what happened her own planet. So Her sister Ri gets them on the Galaxy Brides ship as brides which they have no plan on becoming brides..

During the breeding festival of brides High duke Bron sees Aeron and his crystal goes off of course.. he

takes her back to the tent and all she wants to do is talk to the king, but also she is drunk on Maidens brew a wines given to brides that makes them well sort of ready to agree on most anything 'sex, marriage' and anything else.. Aeron knows if she removes Bron's mask she is considered married to him, she ask him if he can remove the mask with out her being married to him but he tricks her when he says yes, be cause he can after the ceremony he can remove it himself and not be married.. but he cannot speak to her but say choose or decide until she removes the mask, so after removing it she sees he is hot... good looking and she is drunk and ready to have sex, and for her this is a death sentence... must read to find out.. so she ends up married, drugged by the king, nothing goes right and then finally.

Bron believes her story after he is kidnapped and they must try to help the planet but can they?? One of the more plotting stories in this series, a love story and a good ending that is to be continued...

Robin says

His Highness The Duke is the Fifth book in the Dragon Lords Series by Michelle Pillow. I loved the first four books in the series as well as the other related book series. After reading the stories about the four princes it was interesting to get to know their royal, cousins, headed by the First born, the Duke Bron. Bron is a serious Draig, he now heads the house of the Kings' brother who is no longer alive. Bron is like a son to the King and takes his responsibilities to his family and royal position with devotion and honor.

Disappointed by six years of not finding a bride at the Breeding Festival, Bron is too lost in his thoughts at this seventh one to realize his mate has finally walked right past him. As ecstatic as he is to see his crystal glowing, he must now figure out which one she is. Once Bron finds Aeron he is immediately drawn to her. Aeron insists that she is only there to warn the King of a serious threat by a group trying to take over their planet., and the only way she had to get to him was to take part in the festival. She quite taken back by the fact that she has actually been chosen by the gorgeous way to perfect male.

All goes a little too well on their first night together, and the couple end up violating one of the most important rules of the mating ceremony. Now Bron must find a way to make up for their breech. Aeron has to figure out a way to warn the King and figure out her relationship to the handsome, domineering, frustrating, hot alpha warrior who has claimed her and whom she can't seem to control her attraction for.

Aeron works for the Federation and has intercepted serious information about aliens planning to hostily take over a planet for their precious ore. After seeing her own planet destroyed before her eyes and losing all she held dear, Aeron is determined to not let this happen to another innocent civilization.

There was a lot of delicious chemistry between Bron and Aeron and I liked that she was not a whiny heroine and did not try to fight or deny her attraction to him. This group of royal cousins seem to have very old fashioned male dominance ideas that are about to be tested by some very independent females.

The world of The Draig that the author has developed through several books now continues to take shape and expand, as well as new overall plot developments that will unfold throughout the next several books. Both Bron and Aeron are enjoyable characters, they have a great storyline that is new and refreshing to the series while still keeping us captivated in this world of the Draig.

I definitely recommend reading the series in order, there are many interwoven facts and side stories that develop from book to book that should not be missed. Although I was a bit disappointed that the book was a bit shorter than the others, it was still an awesome, page turning read I enjoyed getting lost in for a few hours.

An exciting story with some suspense, excitement, romance with some very hot smexy scenes, and the introduction to four more royal Draig brothers you'll definitely want to get to know.

Cherri-Anne says

In a way, you are now his guiding light.

It was insanity. It was perfect. Perfect insanity. AWWW!! I found this story to be as enjoyable - actually even more so - than the first books in this series which surprised me! I didn't think that this series could have the same great kind of stories as the ones that told of the 4 princes & their brides, but I liked that the differences in Bron & Aeron's marriage tale gave a whole new breath of fresh air into the familiar Breeding Ceremony and what comes next. "Let this be the year. He'd made his offering. He lived a good life." And oh boy! There is a LOT that follows!! I liked that this didn't focus so much on stubborn & unruly brides, but that it did focus on a more softer side. I did cry a lot more reading this one story than I did in the previous four combined! Poor Aeron! "This was not safe or routine. These men represented chaos and danger." After learning about her history and getting an understanding of her people's lifespan I just wanted to hug her! I loved how her & Bron were able to...HA! No way! I'm not gonna ruin all of the magic for you! Suffice it to say that Michelle has given new life to this series, making it a little more tender, giving more info on the Worlds, the species and their way of life. Where the Princes' stories (books 1-4) focused more on the couple, well lack of actually, this story gave more insight into the way of life for the Lords and their people as well as more outside of "Castle" life. More "Family" life. I enjoyed that a lot! Of course, that is not to say that everything was perfect from the start! "Patience. He needed patience. And an ungodly amount of luck." "They can be overbearing and impossible at times. They will spin you in circles with their ways until you want to hit them over the head with the nearest rock. I can relate." "Bron has his appeal, as well," Aeron said, "when he's not speaking to me as if I am to be ordered about like a servant." "She wasn't going to spend the rest of her short life being dismissed and treated like a servant." (I think that those quotes say it all! Gotta love Michelle! I know I do!) Once again Michelle has mesmerized me with a funny, touching, sexy, beautifully written romantic tale! I have had the pleasure of reading quite a few of her books and have yet to find one that is NOT a fantastic & entertaining read! I love that this is now the 6th book that I have read about the Draig people and there is STILL more stories to be discovered! Yes, some of them are already written, but I have it on good authority that the Draig & Var muse(s) keep on providing, okay, pestering, Michelle with even more secrets to be discovered! And didn't King Llyr say that in a few years there would be a record number of bachelors attending the Breeding Ceremonies?!? Hmmm...maybe those muses are reaching out to us readers in hopes that we can help persuade Michelle to keep on writing these amazing stories?! No wonder Michelle is a USA TODAY BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER TOO! Either way, we all know that Michelle is truly a very gifted author with a phenomenal abundance of talent and ANY story she writes will be one well worth the read time & again!

Terri says

Five not as good as 1-4; still enjoyable

I was so excited to continue on this series with book 5- but after a few chapters, I started getting not getting into the book as I had the previous ones- there's a lot of set up in the end about the Duke's brother and his medical-induced stasis wife, who happens to be the sister of this book's heroine. I felt like the book somehow dropped the drama with the main characters and focused more on future characters- I am not saying this is a bad book, I'm glad I read it and will continue with the series but I am Hoping they books get better as this one wasn't doing it for me

Kelly says

This is the fifth book in the Dragon Lords series. I really enjoyed reading this book. The characters were very interesting and full of life. It's a wonderful book about a person who cares enough about others and is willing to do whatever needed to prevent another tragedy. I can't wait to read the next one in the series.

Aeron is a civilian analyst for the Federation. She intercepts a communications transmission about a possible genocide attack of the planet of Qurilixen. When the Federation does nothing about it because Qurilixen is not part of the Federation, Aeron decides she has to do something. Unfortunately, the inhabitants of Qurilixen don't allow many ships to land on their planet. She steals a ship and head to place her sister, Riona, is to ask for help in getting the info to the inhabitants. Aeron interrupts Riona just as the dice is thrown in a game causing Riona to lose the game. Riona's solution to getting to Qurilixen is by signing up with Galaxy Brides to be part of the Draig Breeding Festival.

Lord Bronislaw, the High Duke of Draig, is not looking forward to the Breeding Festival. It's his seventh year of attending but it's his duty to attend since his royal cousins are attending for the first time. Bron just knows he is not going to find his bride again and doesn't pay attention to the brides as they walk past. He is shocked when his crystal lights up and he realizes he missed her. After the other grooms collect their brides, he walks past all the other brides to figure out which one is his. He finally stops in from on Aeron. It takes convincing to get her to go with him. Things don't go as planned once they reach the tent. She is obsessed with getting to the King to tell him of the planned attack and tells Bron over and over that is the only reason she is there. Bron tricks her into taking off his mask and that's when things really get out of hand. They end up consummating their marriage when it is forbidden. Bron leaves her in the tent by herself all night to atone for his sins.

The following morning he must present her in front of the council as his wife. She becomes obsessed with the crystal when he gives it to her to break. The King and Queen are very upset about the way Aeron reacts to the crystal. Bron has to take it away from her, pick her up then drop her on the crystal to get it to break. Once broken, Aeron remembers why she is there and tries to tell the King while denying she is married. When Aeron doesn't shut up about it, the King drugs her and orders Bron to take her to the hunting cabin so he has time to get his marriage in order.

Aeron awakens during the trip to the cabin. She is adamant that she is not married to Bron. While there, Bron disappears. She starts heading down the mountain and runs into his brother, Alek, and his new wife, Kendall. After Alek finds Bron in an ancient dungeon, Bron takes Aeron back to the castle so he can talk with the King about the possible attack. King Llyr tells him to look into it and take his bride home. They reach Bron's home and find that his brother, Mirek, has married Riona who is in a coma.

How will Bron get Aeron to accept their marriage? You will need to read this to find out.

Ellen says

Story would have worked as well or better if it was chronologically later on. The story is occurring simultaneously with the first four books, and before all of the series that followed on (Lord of the Var, Zhang Dynasty).

Claudia Reinbrecht says

3.5

Diane says

Good read

Much more enjoyable than the last read and flowed so well. Liked the characters and the storyline. Onto the next book.
