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The course of true love never did run smooth. Ryan is settling into his role as a new father and the royal consort of Mikos, the fierce and handsome Prince of Tygeria. He's still deeply in love and happy—most of the time. But the former Alliance colonel is a bit restless, and even though he loves his child and his mate, he needs a bit more to occupy his time. Mikos thinks giving him more babies to care for will help, but Ryan comes up with a different idea for some diversion and physical challenge by forming his own team for the dangerous Arena Games.

Meanwhile, Haggos and Kevin are deeply involved in a much more serious game of their own. The king warned Haggos that punishing his own mate and holding him prisoner would be nearly impossible, but Haggos can't bear to be parted from him. Locked in a seemingly endless war between his love for the former marine and his duty to his king, Haggos is struggling to survive.

Just when it seems that they're hopelessly deadlocked, Mikos and Haggos go on what should be a routine mission against an ARes training facility on a distant moon. When disaster strikes and word gets back to Ryan that Mikos and Haggos are both in terrible danger, he embarks on a desperate mission to save them and bring them safely home. Ryan finds an unlikely ally in Kevin to help him save the men and discover that even though the course may be rocky, true love will always find its way.

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Sara says

I hope there's going to be another book because I need to know if they ever find Jeffrey.

Jas says

Not as good as the first book, but gives us a bit of background on Kevin.. I was disappointed that they didn't give us a bit more about the HEA...and Kevin kept going on about a son he never had any active role in his life.. I would of like to seen them find the son and show the humans as a stronger assault team rather than the weak little shits they came across as. Not to bad though but needed a bit more action

Shin Mon Thway says

Ok .. so I'm really loving this series for so far. Although Ryan and Miko's story wrapped up quite nicely in book one, I was super curious about what would happen further in their lives and I can't be more pleased that they get another novel to tell their story. ? And remember the side character, Kevin, from the first novel? Yup, he also got his own HEA in this book. ?

So Ryan has been a bit restless these days. Don't get me wrong .. he does love his husband but as a former colonel, he was used to living an active and colorful life. And currently, the life as the consort of the crown prince of Tygeria isn't exactly what he had planned for his life before he met Mikos and he had too much time on his hands despite needing to look after their son. So our naughty Ryan has conspired together with ever-winning, always-getting-his-way, spoilt mother hen, Blake, to compete against their mates in the game area fighting gladiator games. And poor Mikos, ? even after giving a baby to Ryan hoping that will make his mate docile and obedient, ? my my, his consort is more stubborn and arrogant than ever and even more emotional than when they first met. ?? **Ryan claimed it's because of pregnancy hormones but Mikos knew better but decided to relent and shut his mouth anyway.** ?

Meanwhile, the Dyson of the Tygeria and the mate of Kevin, General Haggoz is torn between love and hate for Kevin. ? On one hand, he can't live without Kevin and He can't even fathom ever letting him go but on the other hand, he can't deal with the fact that Kevin not only betray him but also tried to kill Ryan and somehow involved in the attempt to murder the royal family. And Kevin is fighting for his own inner emotional battles too. No matter how much he apologizes to Haggoz, he just can't seem to forgive him and he's worried that even if he revealed the real reason why he had to do what he did, Haggoz would even hate him more.

I really love the plot and twists in this story. It was very cleverly written and I can't be happier there are four MCs instead of two in this novel. ? And my my, the sex is always sensationally hot, erotic and sexy. ? I just love those huge, macho, possessive and passionate Tygerian males. And the angst, Ooooooh, a good portion of this novel was really angsty and emotional and although I know that they'd

surely get their HEAs, I shamelessly cried a bit. ? What a sweet and thrilling emotional rollercoaster ride! ? and I really love how everything turned out in the end and that each of them got their very merry HEA. Such a delightful story to read. ?

Favorite excerpts from the book: ???

“Everyone you meet in this life will eventually try to hurt you, Kevin. You just have to find the one worth suffering for.”

“Don’t worry, baby, I’ll stay with you. And then in a thousand cycles or so, when you’ve been punished enough for your heathen ways, we can finally go to sleep together. I’d never leave you behind.”

5 happy naughty spoilt and witty consorts stars
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Lorraine Lesar says

Well, well, well, the author certainly got a couple of Tyger’s by their tails on this second book of the Tyger Prince Series, but did she bite off more than she could chew?

Oh hell no! she had that eye of the tiger firmly in her sights and delivered BIG TIME.

We are treated to two storylines running side-by-side and then entwining together to make perfect reading. We pick up where book 1 left off – Kevin being held prisoner with Haggioz as his personal prison guard and Mikos and Ryan, settling down to family life and both trying to find even ground to build their relationship. We also got Blake. For me, he is one of the best characters that Ms West has ever written, I love his wit, his cunningness, his loyalty and the love he has for his children and King, I will always want more Blake (that’s a hint author, please take note).

Haggioz cannot stay away from Kevin, even though his betrayal shattered him to pieces and Kevin is beside himself with remorse. How can these two, so obviously in love, put the past behind them and move on? That is of course, depending on whether Kevin could ever get a Royal Pardon?

Meanwhile, Ryan has lost his mojo, he loves his family so much but needs something more. The solution? a human team entering the Exhibition Games. Of course Mikos is having none of it and we all know that when you rile a Tyger, he’s going to show his claws!

Hoggoz and Mikos have to go on a mission, a week at the most. The weeks go by and no Haggioz and no Mykos! Kevin and Ryan go together to save their Tyger’s.....and save they did. Got to say that Kevin had both English Bulldog determination and Bengal tiger strength, he did well, but then again, so did Ryan, both really coming into their own, which also means that their Mates may never recover.....

Loved, loved, loved it. If I had one little, little criticism, it would be Jeffrey? The whole reason behind Kevin’s betrayal was Jeffrey and yet it was underplayed, not enough effort put into finding him, as if it didn’t really matter? Hopefully, this will be explained in book 3?

Oh, and the bet between Mikos and Ryan? Ryan is going to have to try a lot harder for Mykos to even consider it! Can’t wait to see how Ryan finally seduces Mikos into it, it’s going to be hot, hot, hot.

Loved the first book, loved the second book and I know I’m going to love the third book (hoping it’s going to be Blake’s story).

No dark stars from me, all five shining bright, tiger stars from me.

****I would like to thank the author for the privilege and opportunity of reading this ARC. My review is an honest opinion of the book****

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John-Torleif Harris says

Excellent

I've loved all of these books, both in the love slaves series and in this spin off series. I felt so bad for Kevin in the last book and was excited to find out that he and Haggos for their story in this one.

This book starts out shortly after Mate of the Tyger Prince ended with Kevin under permanent house arrest in Haggos's care for betraying and attempting to assassinate Ryan. But, of course, the situation isn't as simple as anyone involved assumed.

As new information about ARes surfaces, Mikos and Haggos leave their mates on Tygeria to investigate things, but end up stranded on a distant moon and avoiding capture by ARes.

The story was entertaining, well-written, and often hot.

Christy says

As much as I was looking forward to continuing Mikos and Ryan's story, I was especially interested in General Haggos and former Staff Sergeant Kevin Neely, an Alliance Marine who got caught up in spying for ARes, betraying the Alliance and the Tygerian treaty. Of course, Kevin was tricked, manipulated, and blackmailed by his former commanding officer in the Alliance, into becoming a love slave and enticing General Haggos for ARes. When Kevin confessed all to Haggos about the plot to assassinate the prince and Kevin's role in trying to kill Ryan, Kevin knew ARes took revenge on his small son back home and murdered him. The king made Kevin a prisoner and no matter how much Haggos and Kevin love each other, Kevin remains locked in a tower with only visits from Haggos.

I can't believe how quickly I forgot how horrifically arrogant Mikos is. It's been six months since Ryan gave birth to Miklos and he's still struggling with some hormonal changes causing him to lash out and, occasionally, be illogical. It happens. When Mikos goes and talks to his bearer, Blake, about it, Blake's suggestion is that Ryan is probably feeling bored and unchallenged after being a colonel in the Alliance. Mikos' response is that Ryan just needs more babies to keep him busy. *rolls eyes* To say I laughed, long and hard, is an accurate statement.

Another very interesting piece of the world building is that Tygerian males fall in love practically from the moment they meet their mate. It leaves the Tygerian males in a vulnerable position with their human love slaves because humans don't fall in love immediately. This is part of the reason why Kevin's imprisonment is extra difficult for Haggos even though he does his best to have some comforts made available to Kevin. The fact that Haggos can't take care of his mate the way he wishes to, makes everything for the two men so much more difficult on an emotional scale. Add in Haggos's fears that Kevin's love is still a lie and the deck is stacked heavily against these two.

"He'd tried to be strict and stern. The harsh treatment had lasted only a couple of weeks and then Haggos had to admit, at least to himself, that he couldn't bear to be so severe with his prisoner, no matter what he'd done. The idea humbled him. His love for the prisoner made him weak and less of a man, and he would hide it from the king if he could."

I had almost, but not quite, forgotten how insanely hot Mikos and Ryan are together, and that's outside the bedroom. Two alpha males, regardless of how Tygerian customs prefers to view Ryan, and these two men can sure get each other's blood flowing, not to mention my own, when they have disagreements. I can guarantee there were many of those when Ryan announced he was forming a human team for the Exhibition Games. *fanning my face*

'Dark Side' is another fascinating, heart-pounding thrill ride of an adventure. The world building is simple in its complexity and has kept me enthralled. The two storylines went seamlessly together and I loved, loved, loved the ending. All except for Mikos acting a bit like a baby, but I had to remember the Tygerian male character, and give him a small break for it. I'm really looking forward to the next installment.

NOTE: This book was provided by Dark Hollows Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews

Shirley Williamson says

Absolutely loved this book! First off, Mikos and Ryan have their own trials and tribulations to get through. Never, and I repeat never, spoon and cuddle with the rolls of a belly that have given birth! It upsets the birthing parent! I don't care who you are!

Ryan needs to feel better about himself so he devises a plan to play in the war games with a human team! Obviously Mikos is against anything that may harm his mate. He seems to have forgotten where his mate came from.

Now let me get to my new favorite (Shannon West has a way of giving me favorites!) Haggos! I love him! He has undertaken keeping Kevin as his prisoner because he can't bear to be away from him.

The obvious love between the two break my heart. The position Kevin was in was a no win situation and both of them are torn apart.

When Mikos and Haggos get took away on a mission and don't return, it is up to their mates to find them and bring them back. Even when one of them is compromised.

One of my favorites by far!

blub says

Like two stories for the price of one. This books focuses on Haggos and Kevin's relationship along with Mikos and Ryan. Kevin and Haggos briefly appeared in book, Kevin was the one mixed up with Ryan's assassination plan and Haggos is Mikos close friend and the right handman? (I guess you can say...or if you want to be more technical the General or Dyson) of Mikos.

The book starts off with Haggos and his prisoner/love slave, Kevin. We get some background stuff on Haggos and why Kevin betrayal cut deeply for him. As the story progresses we learn many things about Kevin and why he did what he did for ARes. Along with that we get to see how far Haggos and Kevin's

relationship have deteriorated. It was pretty heart wrenching. Kevin was extremely guilt ridden and it was saddening to see. But luckily he has Haggos who tries to help him as much as he can. When he manages to get Ryan to meet with Kevin, things look a bit better for Kevin.

On Ryan and Mikos end we get to see more of their relationship, how they've settled back in to married life after the ordeal they suffered in book 1. Ryan is extremely hormonal and it is a bit of comical relief in terms of Mikos not knowing how to deal with the mood swings. Furthermore, Ryan is restless and so him and other nobyo decide to create their own team for the Exhibition Games, which causes some stirring among the Tygerian community.

When Mikos and Haggos leaves on a mission and four weeks passes with no contact from their mates. Ryan, Blake and Kevin become worried when they get word about what happens, things start looking pretty bad. Ryan and Blake enlist Kevin's help and even throwing in a pardon if Kevin manages to help locate Mikos and Haggos.

I really enjoyed the story although I felt like Kevin's story was cut a bit short in terms of what happened to Jeffrey. The bet between Mikos and Ryan, made their relationship feel a bit one sided. Mikos got what he wanted but I would have liked to see Ryan actually get his end of the bargain too since he did win even if it didn't seem honorable to Mikos. I really hope the next installment revisits both couples.

L. Layale says

I was really hoping this book would be a little bit better than the first one. Story wise it was, slightly. However, the rest of it was questionable. For a good 50% of the book we're getting 3 stories, Kevin before Haggos, the present Kevin and Haggos post the assassination attempt, and then Ryan and Mikos. I feel like Haggos and Kevin's story should have been a novella or something. It didn't really need to go into book 2, but I understand why it did, it just didn't seem to flow well. Not to mention I wish that Mikos would have bottomed for Ryan I would have loved to see that. Overall the story was good, it just didn't wow me or anything.

Thaís Dias says

Too much domination for taste, to be much more equality between couples, I think it is as good as easier, very very anxious in the middle of the book for the Mikos fulfill their promise and not end is not happened. Kevin was treated with a lot of inequality as well.

Tina says

Darkside by Shannon West is the second book the Mate of the Tyger Prince series. They should be read in order the story is building off the previous book.

This one focuses on Haggos and Kevin, but we do see Ryan and Mikos. Again.

Haggos is the prison keeper but he cannot stop having sex with his in mate, Kevin after all Kevin is his mate. Kevin loves Haggos no matter what. When you find out what really happened with Kevin and why he is in prison you also find out things are not always as clear cut as they seem. Haggos will need Kevin and Ryan if he is to survive this book. I liked how danger has bonded them all and shown us the readers the true colors of

the characters. I also like how the story is progressing along. There is a lot of story in this book which I love. There is also a lot of heat in this book, I can never say no to that combination. I cannot wait to find out what happens next! I love that all the characters are finally coming together and really forming bonds and have real strong personalities. This is one of my favorite series for both hot man love and amazing story telling. Keep bringing them on.

Five Shooting Stars

Daesy says

****grm****

Damn Ryan, I'm sorry for your loss, and with that I mean the loss of your bal*s and your masculinity. With each book my opinion of you is getting lower, you won the bet and you didn't even try to collect it. Where is your personality? The humans in this book are really a shame, all talk and no real action, the only thing they know how to do is throw things. I'm not a fan of any of the relationships in this series and I can save only few scenes of this book, and all the rest was a disappointment. I was thinking of rating this 3 stars, but after the epilogue and that shameful behaviour...

I don't wanna waste more time reviewing this book, I'm not rating this 2 stars only bcs there wasn't rape or cheat.

Anna says

This was a 5star plus read!

Michael says

3.75 Stars. I didn't enjoy it quite as much as Mate of the Tyger Prince but if you enjoyed the first book I certainly recommend it. I'll also pick up any more books written in this series.

My only negative comment (and it has nothing to do with the story) is who the hell picked out the cover? I think it would have to win some kind of award for "Cover that has nothing to do with the story".

VVivacious says

A ScatteredThoughtsandRogueWords Review. This review can also be found here.

4.5 Stars

*"The course of true love never did run smooth."
- William Shakespeare*

General Haggos finds himself in the impossible situation of having to imprison his own nobyo. As he struggles to come to terms with the wrong doings of Kevin, he also realizes that he will never stop loving Kevin. Kevin finds himself imprisoned in a cell in Haggos's house where the only thing that breaks the pall of his existence is Haggos and the times he deems to visits him. But while Kevin may have reasons for his deeds, he has given up hope on ever having Haggos forgive him.

On the other hand, Mikos and Ryan are just trying to get through everyday life. They bicker like an old married couple but are just as much in love as they were before.

But when Mikos and Haggos disappear it is up to Kevin and Ryan to find them and bring them home.

This book is a good companion to its predecessor.

The story of this book follows two couples – Mikos and Ryan; and Haggos and Kevin. The best part about following two couples was that since both these couples were in different places in their respective relationships, it made for an interesting story as we kind of got all the phases that a relationship goes through in one go.

Mikos and Ryan love each other more than ever but they also argue more than ever. Their story is basically about how navigating married life has been for them so far.

This time around we get more of the royal family. We get lots of interactions with Blake, who I have come to adore. His will is second to none. Also we get to see a whole lot more of Vannos, Anarr, Larz and Nicarr but I guess the best thing was that we got to see Blake interact with his children which is so sweet. I mean I loved the parental vibes he gives off and how well he knows all his kids and how much he loves them. Also we see more of Davos but I need even more on him to pass judgement. Also could we please get more interactions between Davos and Blake I still can't get the time Blake threw a jug at him in the first book out of my head. In fact I can read a whole book about Davos and Blake. But there was also a very inconspicuous absence of Blake and Davos' fourth child Darrek, I mean this time around when we got introduced to all their children, I started counting and I reached only 5 and then I went back to figure out who was missing. Turns out it was Darrek and there is nothing about him in this book, absolutely no mention whatsoever. Also more Mikol!

This time around we get a bit more on the shifting aspects of Tygerians. Well we actually get to see Haggos in his tiger form and personally I loved the scene. But I wish we could get more of tiger Mikos, now that I would love to see.

Kevin and Haggos's story line was something extremely beautiful. I mean here are two people who love each other a lot but find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Haggos had a horrible childhood and Kevin is his one and only shot at happiness because Kevin is his happiness. But Haggos also has a duty to his king to keep his nobyo, Kevin as a prisoner but try as he might to hate Kevin for his actions he realises that his love for Kevin is boundless. In fact during the entire story I was positive that any hurt Haggos had ever inflicted on Kevin actually hurt him more and hurting Kevin was actually his way of hurting himself.

Kevin might have reasons for his wrong doings but he doesn't think that Haggos will understand. But loving Haggos is something that has become synonymous with living life for Kevin.

These two tortured souls who want nothing but to be together must walk a difficult and treacherous path to be together. But since their hearts are already one it won't take long for their minds to realize how foolish their forced separation is.

I loved the story and how it is written the POVs alternating between the two couples, on one side there was

the playfulness of Ryan and Mikos and on the other was the heartache of Kevin and Haggos and they balanced each other perfectly. The plot was the best because seeing the Ryan and Kevin work together to get back their mates was really well done. Also it was nice to see the humans work together to rescue their more powerful Tygerian mates.

My only irritation with the book was that the meeting scene between Haggos and Kevin was repeated i.e. we got that same scene from Haggos's as well as Kevin's perspective but reading it again was kind of a dredge. Also the party at the end of which Mikos gets shot in the first book was rehashed this time from Ryan's POV, these repetitions got kind of boring. Actually as such it wasn't the repetition of the scene that was so boring it was the fact that I was anticipating that I would have to read the events that I already knew about again that was trying.

Otherwise this book was a great follow up to its predecessor and I loved the epilogue, finally Mikos learns how to deal with his husband. I hope we can get more Mikos and Ryan.

Cover Art by E Connors. The cover is a little weird what with that huge scarf but it is actually a depiction of Kevin from a scene in the book but it makes no sense whatsoever if you haven't read the book.
