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For almost a year, Talia has lived as a sex worker for the High Director of the Coalition Council, providing recreational sex and sensual pleasure for some of the most important and influential people in the explored universe. After a difficult and joyless childhood, she now has comfort and security, living and working in the center of power in Coalition space. She has everything she needs, and she doesn't know she has anything else to hope for--until she meets Desh.

Sex with Desh is better than she's ever known sex could be, but they have no future together. Desh is a rising champion in a combat tournament, but she knows he's hiding secrets. He's on a doomed mission that will likely kill him in the end. And even if it doesn't, Talia will always be a sex worker. Her job is to have sex with other men. She can offer her body to Desh for now, but offering her heart to him would mean giving up her hope of a future--and probably risking her life.

Falling in love is the most dangerous thing she can do.

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Rasa Ievkalne says

Mediocre writing, less than mediocre story. It's a book about sex with few lines in-between to get the story going. No worldbuilding, no decent plot, just two people fucking to fall in love. Perfect before bedtime or when you need to take your mind off for a short time.

Callixta says

Claire Kent est le pseudonyme de Noelle Adams quand elle écrit de la romance érotique. Le livre auquel appartient cette série est le quatrième mais se lit très bien tout seul. C'est également une série de science fiction de l'auteure même si le contexte n'est pas tellement creusé. Il s'agit, à chaque fois, de montrer un élément de ce monde et quelques caractéristiques. Dans ce cas précis, nous allons découvrir un tournoi de combattants, des sortes de fighters de MMA. Autour se trouvent pas mal de gens dont des prostituées qui cherchent des protecteur qui leur permettront d'échapper à leur statut.

C'est le cas de Talia, une très jeune femme qui a du mal à s'imposer dans ce métier et sait à quel point elle devra partir à la recherche d'un protecteur suffisamment puissant pour assurer son avenir. Talia va tomber sur Desh, un des combattants et elle est plutôt satisfaite de lui offrir ses services. Desh est séduisant et gentil. Il l'attire aussi, ce qui est rarement le cas de ses autres clients.

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Kim says

I was hoping Desh would get a book of his own, and I'm happy Kent decided to write him one!

While I enjoyed the way Talia finally figured out her own worth, I'm saddened by the women who were around her. I suppose that their job and the environment they are in play a large role in their submission, I wished for one woman to be a positive role model or friend to Talia. You could say her mentor was looking out for her, but it felt more as though the bitterness over her own past colored how she treated/advised Talia.

My only other complaint is that I'd love to have read how the rebellion continued, if Desh ever faced his father, and if freedom came to the Coalition. I understand from the note Kent wrote at the end that writing the rebellion was never the plan. As a reader I became invested in the plight of the world of these characters and honestly would have loved to read about their successes or failures in achieving their freedoms.

C bond says

Loved this book. A fitting end to the series.

Shari Kay says

I don't want to read about H/h having sex with OP in a romance...especially as an occupation. I just don't.
<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Jenny says

Wonderful conclusion to series

Read all the other books in the series first. This then becomes a real delight. Heartwarming picture of what sex can be vs. should be.

Anita says

It was ok
Loved the first and third book the best

Ana Paula says

Rise is the 4th book of the Hold series and it is quite interesting.
This book is a sci-fiction romance, but there is a political plot underlining it that makes it so good.
I think that Claire Kent in this series shows a lot of skill in telling the story of Talia, a sex worker for the High Director of the Coalition Council. She came from poverty and being in the leisure suite is a way of improving her life and she accepts her whole in this situation with quite a rational mind.
However, as nothing is easy for anybody, she become attached to a warrior named Desh, unknowing his motives for participating in the Combat Tournament.

This is a love story that you will have to read with an open mind and you will enjoy the cleverness of the writing and how this author is subtle in dealing with a lot of strong issues.

The whole series is great, the first one Hold is in a prison and shows how a couple survived a horrible incarceration, the second is Fall regarding hidden secrets in a different planet. The third one about a primitive planet and is all about survival and how love can exist even when people come from different worlds. Rise is the end of the series and is excellent in closing these characters that are so strong and resilient.

A good reading!!

Sofia says

It was good. Cute short story. Liked the additional info/updates of the other couples at the end. Concluded that from the series i really loved "Hold" and " Fall" the best.

Angie says

I haven't read the other books in the series, but this book really held my attention and was interesting. I liked how Talia and Desh had some of the same ideals and they were good together! The ending was really good!

Jennifer Turner says

Well that sucks

So the book was good all in all Desh falls for Taliya during a tournament he's in and well when things come to a head she finds out the truth about Desh that he's the Coalition Leaders son that he planet dumped when he was only 16 and Desh plans to confront his father basically a suicide mission. Taliya tries to talk him out of it but they get taken in by a commander who suspects Desh being the Coalition Leaders Son but during the transport Talyia is able to help Desh gain the upper hand and they get away. Once they're safe with Cain, Riana, Hall, Kayla, Rone, and Lenna they all decide enough is enough and Desh plans to gather all those opposed of the Coalition and take them down. The author flashes forward two years from that day and we learn that they had gained substantial ground in the revolt but we will never find out if they actually were able to finally free themselves of the tyranny that is the Coalition. If you read on to the end the author basically admits that was the last and final book because she only started this series because she wrote a book under this pen name Claire Kent and it did well so when she got the rights to hold back she decided to finish it but since her sales weren't as good under the pen name Claire Kent she decided to finish up and go back to writing under the one that was making the most money. It seriously pissed me off because hey I've done invested might as well say \$12 bucks in your dang books and now I get left hanging because she got bored and wasn't making enough?! It now makes me realize this has happened to me many times before but most authors don't actually come out and say hey this series ain't bringing in the cash I want so I'm gonna bounce over to my real money maker see ya suckers!! Such total B.S. don't waste your money they may be decent reads but you will be left hanging and pissed off so save your money unfortunately I'm already screwed!

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Kelly says

Interesting end to the series... I ended up wanting a little more resolution than we're given, but... I'm still happy I read it.

Rebecca Wheeler says

Rise

I would have preferred more of a Rise against the rebellion kind of book, but as sexy erotica it was a quick enjoyable read.

"Hold" (book 1) for me was the most exciting book. It was gritty, brave and sexy and kinky (public sex) and sci-fi, with the feel of a Riddic (movie) setting. Most of all, I felt it was mature and the smart kind of writing that I really enjoyed from "Escorted."

"Fall" (book 3) I found equally as brilliant. Perhaps because I enjoyed a more mature female lead, as in Hold, more strength while thrown into an unknown world.

I have mostly enjoyed this series, but have to keep in mind that front and foremost these are erotica, not sci-fi. As erotica, they are very sexy reads, with the planetary worlds and evil coalition very much on the light side, the outside, the background. With the exception to Hold and Fall, books 2 "Release" and this one "Rise" I found were sexy, but SAFE. Easy sexy reads that you're not going to sweat over too much due to low angst, no real danger. Probably perfect for romance readers wanting to explore Sci Fi for the first time.

As a sci-Fi and fantasy reader, Rise is mere shades of what they could have been if they were 600+ page novels in dual POV's; In comparison, Marissa Meyer's The Lunar Chronicles, they are not. I would have loved if this wasn't a novella format, to have had more show not tell. Show us Desh's life as an assassin in training. Show us the Epilogue as being more part of the story instead of being a round-up of news. I'm sad of what it could have been, because I'm left feeling kind of unsatisfied in that respect.

Having said that, the author wrote that her intent was not to write about the rebellion, but (to quote) "exploring in four different ways how an oppressive regime like the Coalition could affect the most intimate parts of humanness, including sex and sexuality. It took a long time, but I'm really glad I finished the series, and I'm particularly happy with what I was able to do with Fall and Rise."

This was an easy quick read that I mostly enjoyed. Perhaps a little Nice. And Easy. Not my favourite heroine, Definitely not the kind of depth that I've enjoyed from some of the other books in this series. But I do think mostly this author met her objective for this as a series in whole, I adored how sexuality was explored in some very different worlds. I am completely there for more writing from this author, and have to check out books under her alter ego, Noelle Adams, and Samantha Chase. She sure knows how to write a sex scene.

Kerry says

I'll be the first to admit that I wasn't sure exactly what to think of this book from the description. But I love anything Noelle Adams/Claire Kent writes and I have adored this series as a whole, so I knew I would give it a try no matter what. I am so glad I did! The story itself was great, and it also provided an excellent conclusion to the series as a whole.

I loved Desh in Fall and was so excited to see that he was getting his own story because I wanted to know more about him. There was a real depth to his character that was hinted at in the previous installment, and it was great to learn more about his motivations. And I found myself loving him even more because of his dedication to Talia. Talia was a great heroine, and I really liked her rational and pragmatic outlook on her life and the world.

As the description states, she is a sex worker, and I wasn't sure if I would like this aspect. Sex scenes between a major character and a 3rd party are usually a huge pet peeve of mine, but Ms. Kent handles things well here. The (very few) scenes between Talia and a client are clearly depicted as work and not enjoyable for Talia, and they are completely different from her scenes with Desh. It really was a complete non-issue for me, which surprised me but is a testament to Ms. Kent's writing.

I was also thrilled to catch up with Rone and Lenna, as they were my favorite couple. Each book in this series seemed somewhat loosely connected, but the ending of this book really tied everything together in a way I wasn't expecting. It was incredibly satisfying, and now I am inspired to go back and re-read the first 3 books to appreciate it even more. I also really enjoyed the author's note at the end and thought it provided some good insight.

Overall, a great romance and a compelling ending of a fantastic series!
