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Nev has just joined the crew of the starship *Kaitan Heritage* as the cargo loader. His captain, Qole, is the youngest-ever person to command her own ship, but she brooks no argument from her crew of orphans, fugitives, and con men. Nev can't resist her, even if her ship is an antique.

As for Nev, he's a prince, in hiding on the ship. He believes Qole holds the key to changing galactic civilization, and when her cooperation proves difficult to obtain, Nev resolves to get her to his home planet by any means necessary.

But before they know it, a rival royal family is after Qole too, and they're more interested in stealing her abilities than in keeping her alive.

Nev's mission to manipulate Qole becomes one to save her, and to survive, she'll have to trust her would-be kidnapper. He may be royalty, but Qole is discovering a deep reservoir of power--and stars have mercy on whoever tries to hurt her ship or her crew.

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Aila says

4.5 stars

Review to come!

Just think: ship captains power over Shadow, financial whizzes, princes with ulterior motives but fight like there's no tomorrow, and more diverse characters that you can't help but want to protect and keep safe. THE CREW OF KAITAN HERITAGE MUST BE PROTECTED 5EVER.

Gwen Cole says

I thought I would love this book before reading it, and now that I've read it, I love it more than I can express. But I will try...

If you like anything set in space and different planets, like Firely, Dune, Star Wars, and countless others, this book is for you. Once I started reading, I had a hard time putting it down, and when I did I told everyone I saw how good it was. The characters come to life from the very first page and you can't help but root for them as they go through my obstacles and trials, most of which I never saw coming from a mile away. That's what had me turning the pages so fast—I had no clue what was going to happen next. If anything about this book piques your interest, don't hesitate, just read. You will not be disappointed.

Now excuse me while I go pre-order this even though I've already read it.

Damaris (GoodChoiceReading) says

I don't have one negative comment to make about this book!!! Lots and lots of action! I think I have not one, but THREE new book boyfriends. Phew! The men in this book are not to be messed with. Loved it!

Cale Dietrich says

WHOA.

WHAT a start to my 2017 reading. This book is basically everything. The comp titles are FIREFLY and DUNE, but I haven't watched or read those (I know, I know) so for me, this book is SIX OF CROWS meets STAR WARS.

Like those two, this book is a total blockbuster. The action in this seriously made my jaw drop a few times. It's all so inventive and cool, and is majorly epic. The battles, you guys! There are so many cool action scenes in this, and they all feel unique and they just keep getting more awesome and badass. They also get

really intense as you get attached to the characters, who are then flung into dangerous situations with unlikely odds of survival.

Speaking of, the characters in this are extraordinary. This book is told in dual POV, and I love both equally. There's Nev, who is a charming space prince. Gah, I love Nev. He's so kind and tough and also hilarious at times. And then there's Qole, one of the best captains in the galaxy, who also has an extremely badass ability that some of the most powerful people in the galaxy want to control. SHE IS SO AMAZING. The rest of the crew also shine, and each get multiple moments to show how unique and awesome they are.

And then there's the romance. No spoilers, but it's something I wasn't expecting from this book, but it delivered in in SPADES. I shipped the ship so freaking much.

I think I've been gush-ey enough, but yeah. I totally, totally loved spending time with this ragtag group of space badasses, and I need the sequel right now.

Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says

I always enjoy experiencing new authors and since this was a science fiction book compared to Firefly, why not give it a shot?

I enjoyed the book for the most part. I really liked Qole, Arjan, Eton, Basra and Telu. I thought they were an interesting cast of characters all with their own special gifts and I loved how close knit they were.

I struggled with Nev at times, who is basically the male lead as this book is told from his and Qole's POV. For someone so smart, he could be a bit thick at times when it comes to reality. I guess it isn't completely his fault as it was how he was raised, but even in the end I still struggled with him a bit.

I think I am struggling with this review a bit also.

It's about this world where they use Shadow to run things. There is a group of people that go out of their way and Shadow fish. Unfortunately, because of what the shadow does it eventually drives people mad and it's a bit unstable when it comes to running everything so Nev believes his family can fix that. He needs Qole to submit to some testing, but all of it is for the greater good of everyone, as he assures.

I found the world building lacking at times. I did not understand how they used Shadow to run the things they did. (Maybe I fell asleep during the explanation?) I get it's science fiction, but I found the explanation lacking. Interesting concept, but it felt a little weak without a supporting argument or explanation.

I wanted to know more about the world.

I felt the book was also a bit too long. The chapters weren't quick and I found myself bored or falling asleep half the time. The pacing was way too slow at times. It picked up at the end, but I found myself not really caring. I also had a hard time with the ending because it did not seem plausible to me that 5 people can take on that many people.

Overall. I thought it was a decent read. A little long. The pacing a little too slow at times. But, Qole and her team were fun at times and the loyalty between them was heartwarming. This review was originally posted on Night Owl Book Cafe

Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says

Damn I loved this book! It was very Firefly like but I can see the comparison to Dune too! Also I'm going to throw in a bit of Ice Pirates (the movie look it up lol) for giggles! I loved the dual POV's of Nev (swoons) and Qole! I can't wait for the next book!!!

Ryan Buckby says

actual rating: 3.5

i enjoyed this story but not as much as i would have liked to, i think the biggest problem i had with this book was the writing it didn't draw me in and didn't keep me invested in the story at all.

The characters were all amazing and the thing that i enjoyed most in this book but for me the writing of the story was a massive let down!

Ratings:

Characters: 4.5

Story: 3

Writing: 2.5

but if you love science fiction stories i think you'll love this

Fafa's Book Corner says

DNF

Mini review:

I received this E-ARC via Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review. I was looking forward to reading this. I enjoyed Starflight (another space book) and thought that this would be similar. Unfortunately I didn't enjoy it. I spent the first few chapters absolutely confused. I vaguely understood the Shadow stuff but everything else was lost on me. Definitely just a personal thing as I am not really that well versed in science.

Still recommend.

Jessica says

I'm not going to lie, I am always so delighted when I find a Science Fiction novel that is accessible and exciting! I had high hopes for Shadow Run, and I wasn't disappointed in the slightest. The Kaitan Heritage is a ship after my own heart. Cobbled together, barely holding on, and full of the most loyal and intriguing set of people there ever was! I remember seeing somewhere that this book was likened to Firefly and Dune. Yes, friends, that is entirely accurate. A little bit of love, a dash of danger, and a whole lot of sarcasm and wit. That's what you'll find between these pages.

First off, massive kudos to the authors for crafting as captivating a character as Captain Qole. At just 17 years old, she's the best Shadow fishing captain in the Universe. But that's not where her intrigue ends. Qole is also poisoned by the very thing that both makes up her livelihood, and makes her such an excellent captain. It's a compelling double-edged sword. What I loved most about her character though, was how self-assured and bad-ass she was. Qole doesn't need your admiration. She's strong, loyal, and full of a kind of fierce love that made me fall for her instantly. I love seeing forceful women in positions of power. Qole doesn't disappoint.

Better still, Nev's entrance into this story didn't dim Qole's light one bit. In fact, Nev is a beautiful contrast to Qole's dark and resolute personality. See, Nev is ever the optimist. He's both tough as nails and has a heart that is fit to burst with pride for his family. His quick thinking and kindness make him the perfect opposite to Qole, and watching them interact is honestly a lot of fun. I never felt like the tension brewing between them was overbearing and the little romance that may have existed just felt like it belonged. Color me impressed.

The absolute only reason I wasn't able to give this a full five-star rating is because the climax felt a little rushed. The first three-quarters of this book are perfectly paced. There is world-building galore, time for our characters to grow and understand one another, plus even the perfect amount of action to keep things fresh. As the book neared the end, I felt like it was rushing to push everything still left undone in order. Which, to be honest, I can totally understand. It makes me happy to know that there's another book coming after this one. I absolutely cannot wait to read it!

You need to meet the ragtag crew of the Kaitan. Plain and simple. If Shadow Run isn't already on your wishlist, put it there.

Anna Priemaza says

Dear Basra,

I am madly in love with you. I do not care that you are not a main character. Nev might dual-wield his Disruptor Blades and dream of bettering humanity, and Qole might have the lurking madness of Shadow behind her eyes that allows her to **SHOOT PURPLE FLAMES FROM HER FINGERTIPS**, but you... you are even more badass than them. More badass than purple flames, dear Basra.

I love your brilliant conniving, your devotion to Arjan, your gender-fluidity, your way of sneaking up on people to destroy them with words and masterminding, your secrets, your quiet confidence.

But don't worry, Arjan, I won't steal Basra away from you. Just let me read and re-read of Basra lurking in the background and oozing of badassery, as the badass, ragtag crew of the Shadow-fishing ship the Kaitan adventures across the galaxy into politics and ballroom dancing and experimentation and war.

That will be enough.

With love,
Anna

Sarah says

This was described by Jay Kristoff as "kinda like FIREFLY had an illegitimate lovechild with DUNE". Well that's me sold!

Cait • A Page with a View says

Ehhh 2.5 very neutral stars. I hadn't heard a lot about this new release except that it was reminiscent of Firefly. So that got my attention... but pretty sure that label is being applied way too freely these days to any spaceship with smuggler activities and a motley crew.

Nev is a prince who's disguised himself as a loader on a ship captained by Qole, the youngest captain from her planet. There's a lot of sketchy worldbuilding about harvesting the deadly Shadow, but the general idea is that Qole has the ability to withstand its power and could be the key to unlocking it as a safe energy source. Nev's family has been searching for a way to bind Shadow with organic matter and make it a stable source of fuel... but a rival family kidnaps Qole before he's able to.

I liked the diverse characters, but I think the main thing that stopped me from getting into the story was how stiff everything felt. Like the writing was a bit too dry and the dialogue just... didn't work for me. I didn't really like any of the characters (besides the genderfluid Basra who had way too small of a role) and ended up skimming the last 40% because I just didn't care.

And that's sad because I love Firefly. I love the idea of princes and rogue ships and space. Buuuut none of that really combined into anything remotely interesting here.

Nicole Brinkley says

??If you want an effortlessly inclusive and incredibly fun adventure that will take you to the furthest edge of their galaxy and back, the crew aboard the Kaitan Heritage have a story for you. SHADOW RUN follows Qole, whose Shadow-enhanced skills as an airship captain transcend her tiny planet of Alaxak, and Nev, who needs the space-poisoned captain to save his family and, maybe, the galaxy. AdriAnne Strickland and Michael Miller splash onto the scene with this incredibly fast-paced debut that will leave fans begging for more. Perfect for fans of "Firefly" or ILLUMINAE.

Alice Cai says

2* dnf: 33/390

Shitty sci-fi. (I should probably give this more of a chance, but I already hate the characters.) It's duo perspective by a guy and a girl. Their personalities are both so angst it's gross. It says in the summary that there is going to be a romance and it already feels forced as they got into a fight. It's "hate to love". So dumb, so obvious.

Laura (midorireads) says

An exhilarating space opera that will be sure to keep you enamored with its cast of cool/misfit characters, and the constant action that seems to infuse their everyday lives.

Seventeen year old **Qole** is the youngest person ever from **Alaxac** to own and captain her own ship, and one of the best when it comes to harnessing **shadow**, an inky, black substance that is used for its ability to produce massive amounts of energy.

As 'shadow fishers', Qole and her crew are kept busy with catching the **shadow** and selling it for profit.

It's with the arrival of new crew member, **Nev**, that things start to get shaken up. Because the mysterious Nev has secrets, and one *very* big one depends on his convincing Qole that she is the key to some groundbreaking discoveries, which also means he needs to get her to his home planet. **With or without her cooperation.**

What Nev doesn't count on, is his rivals also finding out about Qole, and wanting her for themselves. **Dead or alive.**

Neither does he ever think he'd possibly grow to have feelings for her...or that she could possibly be returning them.

But with new dangers now following Qole and her ship, she will have to learn to trust Nev so that she and her crew can survive.

I have a friend to thank for telling me about this book, cause otherwise I would have missed out on the opportunity of going to the authors talk and signing in my city, considering we don't get as many opportunities up here in Alaska...

Anyway, let's move on.

Knowing that the authors are Alaskans, I definitely feel like there were similarities to Alaska, and Alaskan living. For instance, **shadow** fishing is very reminiscent of commercial fishing, in that they both accumulate large quantities of 'fish', and sell for profit.

Then there's Alaxac itself, which bore many similarities to Alaska, what with its small town living.

Finally, there's the fact that Qole and her brother **Arjan** who are very much like Native Alaskans, taking from them the heart and strength that comes with survival in rough terrains.

Now for the characters.

Qole and Nev are our MCs; both from very different lives, and both having very different views. But each are passionate when it comes to what they believe, and I really respected that about them. Admittedly, both can be pretty narrow-minded at times, and that can get annoying, but fortunately the good out-weighed the bad, so I still liked them.

The supporting characters aren't given much back story, nor "screen time", but if I had to highlight any of them, it'd probably be **Basra**, the gender-fluid crew member who specializes in selling the **shadow** to the best buyers. I think Basra's inclusion in the story definitely shows how hungry readers are for diverse characters. Now, I'm not going to say that because of this, Shadow Run is somehow *making history* or anything so monumental, but I appreciated it none-the-less, and will likely remember this book more because of this.

Definitely one I'll recommend!
