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In exchange for a vial of dragon's blood to save her brother's life, Melanie Hall offers herself up as a sacrifice to one of the British dragon-shifter clans. Being a sacrifice means signing a contract to live with the dragon-shifters for six months to try to conceive a child. Her assigned dragonman, however, is anything but easy. He's tall, broody, and alpha to the core. There's only one problem—he hates humans.

Due to human dragon hunters killing his mother, Tristan MacLeod despises humans. Unfortunately, his clan is in desperate need of offspring to repopulate their numbers and it's his turn to service a human female. Despite his plans to have sex with her and walk away, his inner dragon has other ideas. The curvy human female tempts his inner beast like no other.

**NOTE: This is the entire first story arc of the *Stonefire Dragons*, complete with a HEA and no cliffhangers.**

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## From Reader Review *Sacrificed to the Dragon* for online ebook

### **edge of bubble says**

The idea behind the story is interesting but the way the story enfolds and the interactions between characters are off.

Some parts felt like written by a 7 years old with her rose coloured view of how human reactions should be. For example, there is this dragonwoman who's been going trough PTSD, after witnessing her mum dying at the hand of humans and being beaten and burned so bad she is still scarred, for more than a decade. She hates humans, is almost agoraphobic. And then our heroine comes, puts her hands on her waist and gives her a speech. Bam she is on her way to healing. *All psychiatrists are at their feet, slow clapping*

I never understood what the heroine found redeemable in the hero. What made her feel or why she was doing something.

The book was a clusterfuck on all fronts except the promise of the story. I think with time and experience, the author could become a better storyteller and rock the dragonworld. I'll keep reading...

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### **Abby says**

If I'm being unbiased, this book is probably a 4.25.

But it has dragons and I get to be biased. So 10- I almost cried at work- stars!

If you love dragons, go read this book. RIGHT NOW!

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### **Patty says**

**\*\*3.5 stars\*\***

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### **Julia's Book Haven says**

Really good dragon shifter book. Looking forward to reading the next one.

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### **Daniella says**

(4.5 stars, but as a personal rule, I round down to 4.)

I'd never heard of Ms. Jessie Donovan before I read this, so I started *Sacrificed to the Dragon* without

knowing what to expect. I didn't even get the chance to check any Goodreads review; I just took a leap of faith and bought it by impulse.

**And I'm so freaking glad I did because I L-O-V-E-D this book.** Actually, if it weren't for a few flaws, I would have given this a glowing 5-star rating. Without a doubt, **this is a definite must-read if you're looking for a good contemporary paranormal romance.** These dragon-shifters are sexy as fuck, man. Sexy as fuck.

By the way, if you think this is erotica, you're wrong. This is full-fledged romance. **Dirty, sexy, "I-might-get-pregnant-from-this" romance.** Granted, it doesn't have the most complex plot or the deepest set of characters, but it does have a solid story to tell. The dragon-shifters' world intrigued me and made me want to read more about it.

Oh, I just loved reading about Tristan and Mel. **Mel's actually one of my favourite heroines of all time.** I absolutely loved, loved, loved her fierceness. And did I mention how she refused to wallow over Tristan's initial jackass attitude?

Unless Tristan groveled and pleaded, which was highly unlikely, she wasn't going to put herself out there only to have him shoot her down again. The dragonman had made his choice. No matter how much she missed his presence in bed next to her, she wasn't going to put up with his bullshit just so she could feel his hot, naked skin against hers again. The heartache wasn't worth it.

As for Tristan, **I loved him, even when he was being a big prick.** I guess that's because I understood, early on, why he was being a jackass, and yes, he was justified. For someone who has a really low tolerance for assholes, that says a lot. It's hard to stay angry at him, too, since he's such an **ADORABLE**, sexy beast.

As much as I loved this, though, I have to admit that it has its flaws. For instance, **it takes some time to get used to Tristan's relationship with his dragon.** You see, dragon-shifters are not dragons per se. Instead, they have dragons inside them, to which they can communicate with. It took a while to wrap my head around that but once I did, reading the story went more smoothly.

**Also, I didn't like how the writer kept on using "fuck" instead of "sex" or "making love".** Don't get me wrong. I'm not a prude or anything. In fact, I have a strong affinity to the word, but there's a limit to using it. Using "fuck" to describe the sexual act between Mel and Tristan even when they're already in love with each other just felt wrong. Also, calling Mel a "human sacrifice" felt equally disturbing at times.

**Despite these minor flaws, I thoroughly enjoyed myself.** I'm definitely going to read more from this series. By the way, did I mention how amazing the epilogue is?  
(view spoiler)

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Damn if that wasn't the most romantic shit I've ever read. Ladies, from the words of my amazing boyfriend,

if a man is willing enough to cut his dick for you, that's a clear indication that he truly loves you.

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### **Grecia Robles says**

La verdad estuvo bastante entretenido, mejor de lo que pensé y bastante rápido de leer, son de esas lecturas que no sabes que leer y te sacan del bache.  
Lo mejor del libro el dragón interior de Tristán.

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### **ShoSho says**

Not the best book to read in my current state but I enjoyed it as much as I could!  
3.5 stars

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### **Erica says**

#### **Pedestrian and laughable story and characters**

There was literally nothing redeemable about this book.  
To save her little brother, she sells herself into prostitution. And of course her parents (whom she loves so much but are never really referred to again) just stand on the front steps of her confinement and pat her on the head as if she won't be dying in the next year.  
I did find myself laughing but that was more because of the pathetic writing than because of anything actually entertaining going on in the book.  
From the creepy, voyeuristic, stalker "dragon" in his head, to his energy-giving semen, to her "stubborn" streak, it was mundane, boring, unimaginative and I am unable to put into words what a waste of time it was.  
Wait, there was a high note: when it finally ended and it wasn't in any way a cliffhanger, making sure there was absolutely no draw whatsoever to read the rest of this horrid series.

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### **Lexie says**

So right off the bat let me admit to some trepidation. It sounds very PWP (plot what plot) erotica, not romance. But it won me over due to Melanie and later Arabella. Donovan builds the world and while it doesn't sound tremendously different than modern times, its fascinating how dragons were fit in.

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### **Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says**

Melanie Hall is sacrificing herself to the dragon shifters to have a baby by Tristan MacLeod one of the dragon shifters. Her brother Oliver is dying and Dragon's blood will heal him.

The Stonefire Dragon Clan has an agreement with the British Government that they will provide blood which heal all sorts of human ailment that can't be cured in the human tradition method, in exchange for human women who are willing to bare them babies. The Dragons are on the brink of extinction because they have been hunted and killed and they have low fertility rates

Melanie has been paired with Tristan who hates humans. His mother was brutally murdered and tortured by Dragon Hunters. His sister Arabella was tortured but she escaped before they could kill her. The last thing he wants is to be ordered by their Clan leader Bram to have sex with Melanie and produce a dragon baby.

Ok the story has a very good HEA but it lacks the Dragon's world building and development and character development. The banter was coy and not funny. Why must the women being sacrificed, Not be a virgin. All the sacrifices I have ever heard of were pure virgin sacrifices. So that didn't make any sense. The story just lacked roots and depth. It just needed more storyline development. There is a lot of dirty talk or I guess you could say sexy talk. I think the author was trying to write erotica but missed the mark by a mile. Erotica is not just talking dirty but descriptive action of the sex act itself.

All in All I will read the next story. But I must admit I am glad this was a freebie on Amazon.

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### **Dominika says**

3.5

I was in a mood for some easy paranormal shifters romance and this hit the mark. It was my first time reading about dragon shifters and I quite enjoyed it.

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### **Sana says**

Oh wow i loved this one rtc ???

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### **Cassandra says**

My Thoughts - 5 out of 5 Unicorns - for the entire serial!! Awesome and I loved it all :)

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#### **Part One**

Okay I always start with the things I think people need to know or would like to know. This is a 4 part serial. It doesn't take long to read this because it is under 50 pages. Serials are not my favorite when it comes to reading; however, I loved reading this one. Considering the length of this, the author did a phenomenal job at showing me this new world and hooking me on the story. It usually takes me 2 or 3 parts of a serial before I really like the world and series.

Melanie is an awesome lead. She is smart and will do anything for her family. She also will not be pushed around by a grumpy prejudiced dragon shifter. Tristan has a past, but I'm sure you read the blurb and know

this already.

#### Part Two

I always review the books I read based on my own enjoyment level, so remember this is like an opinion we all have them, and you don't have to agree with me :) I was given a copy of this part by the author, but after I read Part One and loved it, I went and bought this part too!! I do this a lot when given a copy.

This is under 50 pages and a quick read. Not sure if this means short story or novella, but really does it matter. Serials are like a TV show where you have an episode worth of stuff going on. That being said some authors do this better than others. I like the way Jessie does it, but still secretly wish it was a whole novel length book because I really like this world.

I really like Melanie as a character, but I like women who are strong and don't take crap from anyone especially when they are also compassionate and understanding too. Tristan...oh Tristan...one minute I love you and the next I want to slap you, so you are just like a real man :) lol I really like Bram because he is honest and tells it like it is. I really hope this becomes a series of novels because I want more of this world that Jessie has created :) Of course, I do love my shifter books.

#### Part Three

I'm not feeling very well this weekend, and I decided last night to read in bed. I can't believe how quickly I was at the end. Things you may want to know, this is a serial novella series. What does this mean? This means you must read them in order or you will be lost. Also this episode is only about 50 pages. I have read several serials now, and Jessie does a fantastic job of meshing them together and stopping at place that makes sense and feels right. You don't feel like someone slammed the door in your face so to speak.

Okay Tristan is starting to grow on me, and I didn't want to slap him once in this episode :) Melanie is of course awesome. I love her fighting spirit, but she is also caring and kind. She is the type of female lead I love to read about :) I'm very curious about Arabella, but I haven't made any decisions yet about what I think about her.

#### Part Four

Definitely an awesome conclusion to the serial, and I loved every minute of it. Melanie is an amazing woman and my favorite kind of female lead. Tristan is now an awesome man that I no longer feel needs to be slapped.

Jessie is a phenomenal writer who makes the story come alive. I definitely didn't want it end. I know she has Bram story coming, so I'm happy about that. I just hope we will still get to see my favorite characters from this serial and updates on the family. The Stonefire Clan is awesome and I can't wait to read more of their adventures, and I'm hoping we will also get to meet other clans along the way too :)

This series is definitely the best serial I've read to date. I highly recommend it to all my dragon lovin' shifter friends out there.

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#### **Ezinwanyi says**

Underwhelming and the narrator wasn't good

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### **Marta Cox says**

Three and a half

As a reader of paranormal romance I've seen quite a lot of advertising for this series and with its bright eye catching covers it was only a matter of time before I took the plunge. Plus Dragons! Oh yes this was definitely pretty high on my book radar.

Essentially it's the story of Melanie offering herself for six months to a Dragon in the hopes of becoming pregnant. Her payment is a vial of magical Dragon blood that she hopes will cure her dying brother. Very little is explained as to why the Dragons need human females so it could simply be birth rates of Dragon females are declining or even a distinct lack of fertility but for whatever reason Melanie will have the option of staying after her contract expires or leaving her child behind.

Tristan is a broody guy with very little reason to trust or indeed even like humans but reluctantly agrees to step up and try to help perpetuate his clan. His attitude to Melanie right from the start is less than welcoming but his inner Dragon has a completely different opinion of her leaving Tristan well and truly stumped!

Hmm I could see that the author tried hard to make Tristan a jerk but honestly he didn't seem that bad.

Melanie is clearly supposed to be strong and feisty but to this reader she just came across as normal but then again I am used to kick ass urban fantasy heroines. I didn't like that Melanie is portrayed as almost saintly as she goes around offering kind words, a friendly shoulder and even a pat on the head( not kidding!) and seemingly being this caring and understanding woman who can do what others have failed to do.

Yet I really like Tristan's Dragon. What can I say? So often shifters have an inner beast that they communicate with but here the author gives us that but she gets down to the nitty gritty. The Dragon has base instincts and doesn't understand subtlety or compromise. He's a bull headed animal that struts about like a demanding toddler! All he understands is freedom, flight, hunting, eating and with Melanie around the need to protect and procreate! Yes cue many instances of "mine" and frequent rutting!

I do think the ending made this a worthwhile read for me as until then the romance wasn't working for me. Happily we meet the couple about seven months later by then I could believe that they had worked through things and truly found love. It wasn't exactly what I expected if honest but I'm sure there will be many readers who enjoy these Dragons and the situation they find themselves in.

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### **Debbie says**

Melanie trades herself to be a Sacrifice to the dragon. It might well cost her her life, but her brother needs the dragons blood to cure his infection. Tristan, however, is not best pleased that his turn has come around to deal with a human female and mate with her. His dragon is more than pleased with Melanie!

I do love me some dragon shifters, and if they have their own little twist? Perfect. And that's just what this little 4 book set is.

Just darn perfect!

The dragons revealed themselves in the 1980's and have used their healing blood (but not cancer) in exchange for a Sacrifice. A female to spend 6 months with a male dragon until she becomes pregnant. But the birth could kill her and the baby. Its all very scary and dangerous for Melanie but she has spent time studying the dragons for college. When she arrives on Clanlands, Tristan is her assigned male and he makes

no bones about his hatred for humans. His dragon is much less against the idea, indeed, he recognises Melanie as his mate, his true mate. Very rare thing!

I loved Mel standing up to Tristan, but also for Trsitan. Their interaction is funny, but equally hot and sexy. I loved Mel's ability to embed herself with the other humans and Tristan's Sister, Ara, who shares his hatred of humans but justifiably so.

From what I can gather with trawling Amazon and Goodreads, this was originally published in 4 small parts. To be honest, I'm so glad I didn't come across them like that. I loved that I was able to read all of Mel and Tristan's story in one go and not have to wait. It would have drove me nuts, waiting!

I've wishlisted Seducing The Dragon, which is Clan leader, Bram's story and I will wait til Ara's full story is available, but I WILL read them.

Love love loved it!

5 full and shiny stars

\*\*same worded review appears on Goodreads, amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk\*\*

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### **GimmeAllTheWerdssss says**

3.25 Stars

I needed more of a struggle for Tristan to accept Mel. He got over his hate of humans rather quickly considering he had over a decade of hate toward them.

Despite that it was an enjoyable read and good introduction to the series. I will be reading the rest of the books.

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### **Jessica says**

Let me start off by saying this book was trash...everything about it was offensive. However, it was also impossible not to finish. I was fascinated with it the way people are with a car wreck. The obsession with her weight is annoying. Why can't you just have a plus size...or any size heroine really without spending loads of time on it? The pnr trope of inter species hatred is very hard to pull off for me and this one didn't manage it. The hero is verbally and physically abusive. He never so much as apologizes just flips a switch. Heroine is told that since she's a mate match she better consent or she'll get raped. All sex scenes...even the fullyconsensual ones...are super cringey. All female authors should know better than to use any version of the phrase "own that pussy" in any way other than mockingly. Also the dudes didn't have to make any effort to actually make sex enjoyable because their magic semen causes orgasms \*massive eye roll\*. He shows no care for any pain he causes her and banging giant dragon dick constantly for a week straight isn't going to be fun. He bites her clit "hard" without even asking which a) ow and b) isn't something you do without consent because...OW. There's near zero world building and though the gender dynamics are never explored women are dehumanized and patronized the whole book. The writing was functional but every part of this book was

abusive, rapey, or otherwise cringeworthy. So why did I spend several hours on it knowing as I did by chapter two that I had zero interest in this series, author, or book? I DON'T KNOW SOMEONE HELP ME UNDERSTAND PLZ

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Tldr: for the love of all things holy just don't

### **Kelly says**

First time read from author Jessie Donovan. The story was a bit boring for me. I really thought the concept of the story sounded really good but the execution of the story was not.

Melanie (the heroine) just wasn't that exciting nor made the story even interesting. She was lame. I mean her character could of been 10 times from exciting if she would of put up more fight, had same attitude, something, anything.

Tristan's (the hero) character seemed OK but when i had to hear his "inner dragon" talk I was really thinking wtf? Does the dragons even age with their person or they stay 10? And when Tristan and his dragon would talk to each other... Hmm. I just couldn't fully get on board with the story.

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### **Monty Cupcake ? Queen of Bloodshed ? says**

This is Abby's fault. Her updates for this book made me want to read. I'm glad I did, because dragons.

#### **Dragons**

I liked this book. Interesting back story, good plot, no TSTL characters. It's a quick and short read. I rather wish it'd have been longer as some parts felt too abrupt, but it wasn't a detriment. Mel's reasons for going dragon love slave were admirable and Tristan's grumpy alpha personality is a good contrast to that. The side characters and how Mel helped them made her a more interesting heroine.

Complaints: It's quite sappy. Not in a burn the book way, just overtly sentimental. The author really needed an editor on changing up her phrases. In Tristan's POv, he thinks how he's going to "fuck the shit out of her" and "kiss the shit out of her." She at one point even thinks that phrase. I found the repetition of that phrase annoying.

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Good book about dragons.