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Tynde is the second son of the King of Alaquis. Sweet, quiet, and with the ability to sense the emotions of others, he's destined to join the seers at the Priory and be cloistered. At least he is until his brother, the Crown Prince Towan, disappears. Desperate to recover his heir, the King sends Tynde to the planet of Kion to chase a rumor that Towan has been kidnapped and taken there. Kion is everything that Alaquis isn't: crowded, urban, with denizens far more ruthless than anything Tynde has experienced before. Lucky for him, he's taken under the wing of Koss, an important businessman who is drawn to Tynde from the moment he meets the young man. Koss believes he's found a real treasure in sensitive Tynde, but will his needs and desires ruin everything that Tynde is?

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Christina says

["I..." He stood, stared, more shocked than anything. "Why?

Mouse says

DNF -- This book is a mess.

Elisa Rolle says

The first in the new Pets series by Mike Shade is a good mix of fantasy and sci-fic genre; Tynde is the king's younger son in a remote and retrograde planet. Tynde's lifestyle is a mix of ancient customs, being him the third son he is destined to the priesthood (first son is the heir, second son is the replacement, just in case, third son is not necessary and can be given over to the church). Plus Tynde is a seer, and so the Church highly wants to take possession of his powers; a man fated to being a priest has to be pure, and to avoid any temptation, Tynde is living with a chastity belt that not only prevent him to touch himself, but makes also very painful to have any sexual desires or thoughts. Tynde doesn't know nothing of the real life, he is like a child with the body of a man, and moreover, he has also a very quiet and submissive core, and so he has no rebellion feelings, if not being scared of when he will eventually become a real priest, since he will be castrated.

Then one day Tynde's brother, Towan, the heir, disappear, and voices are that he was taken in slavery in a near planet; Tynde's father, the king, asks him to go to the rescue, and this is probably the most unlikely rescue team, since Tynde is totally unaware and useless in a stranger world. As soon as he reaches Kion, the new planet, Tynde is taken under custody of Koss, a businessman who took a fancy on him in the shuttle between the two planets. Without much of Tynde's opinion, he is turned in a Kund, basically a concubine, something slightly better than a slave for only the reason that he is cherished and taken care of like an important treasure. Koss tells Tynde that he will help him find his brother Towan, but this first novel is more or less spent with Tynde in Koss's bedroom, learning all the wicked flesh pleasure he was always unaware of.

Kion's planet is very different from Alaquis, Tynde's home planet: where Alaquis is almost a medieval society, with people living of farming and trade, in a mostly green space, Kion is a futurist society, with skyscrapers and pollution. It's like changing genres inside the same novel, when the story is set in Alaquis it has almost a fantasy feeling, and instead, when changing planets, in Kion it becomes a sci-fiction tale. Plus there is the limbo, meaning Koss's house, and specifically Koss's bedroom, where the story is without time, the story of a Master who is teaching is pet to become the perfect lover.

Koss is really gentle and kind with Tynde, and he would be almost paternalistic if not for the simple reason that Tynde has not in him to be independent; I have never felt in him any rebellion feelings, he was resigned to become a priest, and when that changed, he is good with the idea of being a concubine, if only someone tells him that is good and not sin. Tynde has not really a strong core, he is like a sweet pet, trusting and

innocent, easy to be harmed since he has no a bad bone in him. If you like the submissive partner to being a "top from the bottom", Tynde is absolutely not like that: he is the perfect submissive and his only desire is to be good for his Master, and he wants, and needs, to be told how to do that.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B003K16V1I/...>

Teresa says

Liked the book but left the ending as a "to be continued..." As this seems to be the last book he has written, and in 2010 at that - it doesn't look like we will see book two anytime soon.

Jeanne 'Divinae' says

First and foremost, where is book 2/sequel? It has been 3 years!!! I am not a happy camper. The author has since written other books. If I had known there wasn't one out there, I would not have read this book. I know it is my fault; I should have looked for it before I started this book. But seriously, I searched online and can't find it. So, if don't want to be left hanging, I'd suggest you wait. In fact the only reason it got three stars is because I like his style of writing and generally liked the book. But the fact it is not continued is extremely aggravating.

With that said on with the review:

It takes a little getting use too, the way this book was written. Lots of dialogue, which I personally liked. It takes a few chapters for really start the flow of things. I very much enjoyed reading it and ended up staying up to finish it. It involves a naïve, sheltered 'monk' who goes to a new world and meets with a very protective, caring, gentle man. This is a story mostly focused on Tynde and him being reeducated into a new world. He is introduced to pleasures of the human body but also has to cope with a world where there are no gods. It is completely different from his home world, and he has to learn it is okay to like it.

Tynde is a sheltered, caring young man. He was being prepped to go into priesthood. He is the second son and has been 'gifted' with the ability to read people's emotions. He has been wearing a 'chastity belt' since he can remember. He was also taught to refer to his penis as his 'shame' and that seeking pleasure is a sin. His life has been set out for him since he was born. All was going to according to plan until his older brother goes missing. Now, his father has sent him to another planet, very different from his own, to search for him. Along with him want his brother's manservant, Tia and his own, Wiam.

Things happen pretty quickly. Tia hates Tynde, for some unknown reason, and wishes bad things upon him. Tynde runs into a handsome Kion(the native's of the planet they were sent too) twice. You find out later his name is 'Master Koss'. Master Koss is smitten with Tynde at first glance and snatches him up.

Master Koss takes Tynde and Wiam to his home. The way the world runs is completely different than his home world. Thankfully, Master Koss got to Tynde first and not another 'Master'. Master Koss is a very influential, wealthy man who has taken Tynde has his Kund. His Kund is his submissive and cherished lover. Master Koss introduces Tynde to the ways of pleasure and they fall for each other pretty quickly. Tynde's manservant, Wiam, is very unhappy and upset over Tynde being 'defiled'.

There is someone trying to hurt Tynde and as their relationship grows more deeply, Tynde's abilities grow also. Master Koss is willing to go to lengths to keep Tynde safe and protected. At the end of the book, you find there is still trouble in the mist and his brother is still missing.

Daisiema says

Pets, Book One: Sparkling by Mike Shade is a fast-paced and creatively interesting book from start to finish. I was immediately captivated by both of the main characters and the sweet and loving relationship that develops between them as the novel progressed. I'm super excited that this is the first book in a series and I'm waiting on pins and needles for the next book to be released!

Tynde is the second son of a King. At his home planet Alaquis, and because he is the second son, and that he has some special gifts, he's been expected to become a priest and become a seer to the noble royalty. Tynde has accepted his fate for years. He's a sweet, intelligent and gentle man who spends most of his time reading and preparing himself for his destiny in the Priory.

When Tynde's older brother, and the future King is kidnapped, Tynde is shocked when he is commanded by his father to travel to Kion, where his older brother is suspected of being taken there. Tynde does as his father asks, but he knows he is way out of his element. The two planets are nothing alike, and Tynde is not used to the culture and rather fierce people who live there. Even Tynde's smaller stature and dark good looks is a rare commodity there. When Tynde literally runs into the gorgeous and wealthy, Koss, he's immediately taken under Koss' care.

Koss can't believe his good fortune to meet such a man like Tynde. His utter innocence and sweet nature immediately captivate Koss and he knows in his heart that Tynde is the man for him. Koss claims Tynde as his Kundi, and literally sweeps the naïve and innocent Tynde off of his feet.

But, Tynde and others believe that he is destined for the Priory. Will Koss be able to convince Tynde to decide what's best for himself or will be forced to join the order and miss out on the once in a lifetime love that's been given to him. Will Koss and Tynde be able to find Tynde's lost brother...and does his brother really want to be found?

I loved this book! I thought that Koss' stubborn and patiently dominant nature was perfect for the sweet and submissive Tynde. As a well-matched pair, it was wonderful to watch them fall in love and nurture the feelings that blossomed between them. Koss is very sweet and loving with Tynde. Even though his guidance has a tendency to overwhelm the sheltered Tynde, Koss is always loving, patient and is very supportive of Tynde and his special gifts.

I can't wait until the sequel is released! Although the book ended on a happy note, there are many unanswered questions that will hopefully be answered in the second book. It will be interesting to see what will happen when Tynde's father, the King, finds out about Tynde's choice to stay with Koss, and there is the unanswered mystery about what happened to his brother.

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<http://www.nightowlreviews.com/>

Valentina Heart says

3.5 stars. The sex is pretty hot despite the sweetness. Personally, I didn't think it was all that funny, but I couldn't help it but smile every time I read something that Camila mentioned in her comments.

Bookwatcher says

OMG!!! I laugh so hard reading this book!

Sorry certainly it's not what you want to read in a review of an erotic book but it's true! I really laugh!

Some words about the story

Tynde the second son of the king, born with a special ability to fell others feelings, is promised to the gods. He is raised be a wise elder, to advise kings and priests, free from base urges... Aka, no carnal or mental pleasure at all. He is and must be forever an innocent in all ways.

When his bother is kidnaped from this planet his father will send Tynde to look for the heir in a very hostile planet... Full of **HOT and Strong handsome** men! Oh yes... Tynder will have a hell of time there... With this incredible dominant man, Koss, that will take Tynder as his Kundi... Alias "his special lover".

A WARN

Regardless the book cover this book is not a BDSM story... and even a Master/Pet is not what you would like if you, as me, read a lot of BDSM or D/S stories.

Koss is certainly a strong character and will be called "master" but it's not a pet/slave relationship. In my opinion is a great lovers couple, and i miss the kinky aspect I would like to read in a story with the title "Pet, Book 1".

If you never read a male/male story this book is perfect. Koss will teach Tynder that two men can love each other, and the pleasure of such love is breathless. When you read Tynder point of view you will be learning with him.

But if you are searching a BDSM or Master/Slave book you could think, as me, that something is missing.

And now, finally, why I laugh if it's an erotic book???

It's Tynder fault.... ok, so the guy is innocent, and had his "willy" in a cage for all his life...

1) first naked scene he will freak out with his "willy" dangling... OMG! I laugh... with his "strange" feeling about something dangling

2) Tynder call his "willy" with a special name... "Shame". Ok, that's kind of sad, but the loving scenes with his POV is full of phrases like "*his shame was hard*" or "*Koss mouth closed on his shame*"

3) Ok, and now the thing that made me laugh hysterically: Koss touch Tynder's anus and OMG HELP ME NOW (starting to laugh again) Tynder freak out and ask Koss why he was touching such dark part of his

body!

Ok, I'm not normal... is just when he said that I start to imagine another possibility, because I don't know... yeah... nonsense, but I did imagine a light in his butt hole and Koss telling his nothing was wrong there, no monster or something hidden in the dark place...

"Sure it is. Your body isn't some cesspool, or something shameful. You've been taught weird things."

"Why would you touch there, though? In that dark place..."

So it's a great book, but unfortunately my insane mind didn't allow me to enjoy all erotic scenes.

4 stars, and I can't wait to read the sequel!

Footnote: the book finish with something very interesting starting... I can't wait to read about Tynder powers!!! Maybe light in that dark place is one of them!!!

<---I'm giggling again

MiaJ says

This book reminded me of Sean Michaels Bent. One strong Master and one somewhat confused sub/slave in need of a strong, sure hand to guide him through his new life. Even the spoken words were similar with lots of short sentences "yes, need".

The book ended like it was the end of a chapter and not the book, unfinished with plenty of unanswered questions. But I guess that is why it was called Book 1. Is there going to be a Book 2? Pets, Book 1 was published in 2009.

Lilia Ford says

I liked the basic concept a lot and the sex was plenty hot--the theme of Tynde's enforced chastity and subsequent discovery of erotic pleasure was well-done. However, the sex got fairly repetitive even though the book is quite short, and even from the start, the relationship was a little too sweet and luvy-dovy for my taste. I like the pet kink so long as it's not too dehumanizing/humiliating, but there was barely anything like that here. I really wouldn't call this a slave story.

Lakeisha says

OHHHHH MYYY GODDDDDDDDD THAT IS THE ENDING!!!! come on I hope there is a second novel cause feel like damaging the author for leaving the story there..lol omg this sucks sigh. This one was sweet like a candy cane cake dipped in chocolate, a over-powering of sugar but I didn't care, or don't for that matter. Plzzzzzzzzz let there be another in the future :D

Bea says

Not a whole lot to say about this book. There was too much sex, not enough explanation, and an abrupt ending. What is bad is that there should be a part two that never came?? I hate that.

Mandapanda says

3.5 stars

Becky says

I liked the concept, but the story was squeezed out by all the sex. Probably could have been cut by a half to a third and still covered the same amount of the story arc. Also, there were a fair number of spots where a wrong name was used. I'm curious to see where this story is going, but I'm concerned that the next installment will be just as heavy on the sex and just as slow with the story advancement.

Sarah says

It was an ok read, if a little overwrought at times. It did end rather abruptly though and I can see no sequel in sight. Not my favourite from this author.
