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Scaden Torenson was bored to death on his first voyage as a Commander of a Valendran fleet ship. Until a chance encounter with an ancient distress beacon turns his world upside down. Pitted against his loyalties and everything he believes he's forced to fight for the impossible... for what belongs to him.

A child born of two worlds, Cari Lakatis has spent her whole life on Earth hiding from an ancient enemy of her father's people. Raised on stories of her father and his world, by her uncle, she's always dreamed of having a normal life. Now the enemy has finally caught up to her, and their plans are more insidious than she could have ever imagined.

Betrayed by those they trusted the most, time is running out for them, and in order to save themselves they will have to decide if what they have found is truly worth fighting for.

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Shari Kay says

Read sample. To y.a.for me

Melissa says

Cari

I really enjoyed this book. I liked the plot and I liked the characters. Great fantasy alien romance. Looking forward to reading more

Dawn Gee says

Great new series

I actually read Second Wave book 1 and then went back to First Wave. This series is incredible. Mikayla Lane is able to bring so many emotions to life. The characters are extraordinary and so likeable. I've already bought book 2.

Cora says

DNF at 57%

Donna Sweeney says

This was Scaden and Cari's book and if you (like me) are into your alien love story every once in a while then this is a MUST read !!

You will not be disappointed !!

5 Take me to the stars Stars from me !

Etana says

DNF. I just couldn't. This book was too annoying. I am not going to describe everything I didn't like but I will say to the author this:

Before you write a book or before you put something in your book do your research please!!! Ok the thing is

this (small spoilers ahead) The aliens crash on earth 2000 years ago and this is repeated at least 5 times yet they later mention that they have helped human civilisation be created. What civilisation that may be a yes the Sumer one. A civilisations which is existed around 3500 BC not only that but when the aliens should have landed the sumerians were already gone. I know this is nothing important to the plot but to me it was annoying not to mention the whole timeline was glazed over .

The thing this author needs to work on are the details small and big.

I don't recommend this book there are better ones in this gender.

Frances Law says

Aliens among us!

2000 years ago an advanced race of Valendrals put an outpost on Mars. Not long after another race (the Relians) attacked them and obliterated the outpost. The High Council of Valendra sent a relief force but when they got to the outpost it was totally destroyed, including all of their transports. They grieved for their dead and didn't bother to set up another outpost as it was so far from Valendra and the nearby planet only had primitives living on it.

In the present day a Valendran starship is on a routine sweep of the area when the first officer gets bored and starts to do in depth studies of the area. He finds an anomaly and calls his captain Scaden. It turns out to be a distress beacon which is transmitting a code that is centuries old. It is coming from the third planet and Scaden immediately orders the ship to home in on the planet. He believes that there is a chance that some of the crew of the outpost may have escaped after all!

Things are far more complex than he could have ever believed and he puts his career on the line to do the right thing.

I have to say that there were quite a few inconsistencies in this story but it just didn't matter! I loved it and I think that anyone who loves romantic sci-fi will too! Its a heartwarming, sentimental story that makes you feel warm and mushy.

I'm certainly looking forward to the next book.

Angela says

Loved it!

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I bought this book months ago and just didn't get around to read it. This was by far one of the better sci-fi romance books I have read to date. I was hooked from the first chapter and couldn't hardly put it down. It is well written with some editing errors. The characters are well defined and I absolutely loved Scaden. I only wished I had a man who loved and craved me as much. Well done Ms. Lane! I can't wait for Jess's story!!!! I bought the rest of the series tonight and am so excited!!!!

Pórey Jónsdóttir says

2.5 stars

Literati Literature Lovers says

Couple's connection was lacking, but good world building.

The author created a very interesting world building for this science fiction romance. This could be classified as a 'breeder' romance, as the alpha male's home planet had been impacted by a virus that caused the females to become barren. All those males and no females around to mate with. The uniqueness of the book is that the 'aliens' Valdarens are extremely long lived, almost to an immortality length life span i.e. 2,000 yrs is a man still in his prime. What we know of the culture is that despite low birth numbers the population has not had a dramatic decline. I know the virus is supposed to have been a bad thing, but with such longevity; would not over population have been a problem? We that is another story. In this one two warring alien races had crashed on Earth about 2,000 years ago and they influenced Earth's people and society. The author plays fast and loose with the historic timeline, in recounting Earth historical events, as the Pyramids pre date Jesus' time on the Earth. The author also doesn't have a very high opinion of world religions as seen through alien eyes. Neither of these points affected my enjoyment of the book.

The major draw back in this book is that I need more interaction on an emotional level between Cari/heroine and Scandon/hero. It was almost all physical attraction as they were destined mates. Biological drive to mate is fine, but I need a emotional connection; one scene prior to the lust filled nooky was needed.

Will I read more of the series? Yes, as the brief glimpse of the captive Jess makes me want to read her book which is next in their series.

This book at the time of my review was part of the kindle unlimited program.

Elizabeth says

Mars Needs Women.

I'm a sucker for this trope - very long-lived alien men with female population shortage, earth women are definitely compatible.

The story started out rough, the plot slow going, the wording stilted, more telling than showing and the characters hard to connect with, especially in the sample that amazon makes available. I read that sample several times before I decided that the book was cheaper than the iced coffee I got the other day and just bought it. Because this appears to be the author's first released book and since many similar writers that I've found also started as indies or small press, I wanted to give the story a chance and continued to read.

The author eventually started to make the story her own and not just an echo of similar stories, pulling me into the action. Some jarring notes in plot and characters still occurred but were not enough to disrupt my "suspension of disbelief" as the story progressed.

The main characters developed some personality, investing me in their actions and futures. The heroine seemed younger than her 26 years but admittedly did lead a very sheltered life. Characters, that I quickly came to care about, were introduced who will obviously have their own story, especially Jess.

I've become attached to these characters and their worlds enough to want to find out what happens next and

am looking forward to release of the second book. If you're like I was and debating about purchasing this book, I'd recommend giving it a try.

cross posted amazon, goodreads, shelfari.

Nancy says

No.

Whitney says

Okay I'm not seeing what everyone else is.

~~major spoilers~~

I really wanted to like this book but it's just too frustrating.

Where do I start..

1. I really liked the premise but the first part of the book read like a really bad ya novel. I get that the Valendran people age at a different rate but if you were raised in a different culture, i.e. Earth, then if you are in your mid twenties you would not act like you're teenager. Cari acts and talks like a teenager. She has supposedly been raised around the world so, imho, she should sound more cultured. Not walking around in a Wal-Mart in awe. Point of fact: If I was 400+ years old I don't think I would even think of someone that young romantically(in the Valendendran society). Just saying. An example of good use of age difference is in Vampire books like the ones Lynsay Sands writes; thousands of year old Vamps with young adult women (mid20s +) who act like young adult women.

2. Jess. What about Jess?? It really bothered me that Cari basically forgot about her until someone brought up how fast she was healing, and then going on to laugh and joke about her new anklets while her friend who is probably being tortured and *um hello* raped?? And how long did it take to get to her to get rescued from when she was taken from her cabin, like a day? They have the same amount of info they had at the cabin as they do from where Cari was taken to and weeks later they still can't find her? I call bullsh*t. Meanwhile Cari is getting her freak on. Yeah if someone I knew, no matter how short of time, has been kidnapped there's no way I could stand to get even the slightest bit intimate until I knew she was safe.

3. Speaking of bumping uglies.. I have had the unfortunate pleasure of both hating and loving someone, but if I saw the guy I was crushing on yelling and threatening his friends everytime someone looks at me for too long (not that she notices that's the reason) I'm going to stay far far away from him. I'm not going to literally jump into his arms. Cari goes from never being alone with a guy who's not her Uncle to having sex with one. I'm all for insta love (just look at my read list) but this just didn't jive for me. When it's done right you don't have that feeling in the back of your neck hoping someone's going to barge in and stop them.

4. The mates but not mates. So this is about the part where I had to stop reading before I broke my precious

iPad by throwing it against the wall in frustration. Cari and Scaden have had sex and then almost everyone she knows barges into her room and because they do not have marks on their arms they are separated because the Valendran people are not aloud to be intimate unless you're mates (can't remember when said marks are supposed to appear but I'm guessing it's before the deed is done otherwise I'm thinking this mix up would be happening a lot). Now Scaden is locked in his room by the council and Cari locks herself in her room and they are doing the freaky 'let's move In sync thing'. Which obviously proves to everyone that they are mates but let's leave them locked in their room even though they aren't eating until the council arrives weeks latter anyway. Oh and did I mention that they have live feeds running throughout the ship so everyone can see them?? Taking big brother to the the extreme.

Which brings me to another point...

4a. So you've mastered rapid healing and space travel to distant galaxies but you cannot figure out how to get into a locked door? What with everyone knowing what's going on in both Cari's and Scaden's rooms, everyone on the ship wants to help. But what can they do? They're, *gasp*, behind locked doors! However will they get them out? Maybe an override or a laser that can cut through the door? Sadly, I may never know how the Scooby's get them out of this cuz this is where I stopped reading. I just couldn't get passed the fact that with a race as advanced as the Valendran seem to be that they can't open a simple door. I can't help picturing all the great sci fi shows (like Stargate SG-1 and Battlestar Galactica), they would never let a locked door get the best of them. Hell if MacGyver can do it in the 80s the Valendran have no excesses.

I'm sure there are many more things that might irritate me but as I've said I just can't read anymore. I'm sorry to those of you that loved this book; I have been known to over look a lot when reading books that have that something that pulls you into the story but that is not happening here.

Charity says

Born of an alien refugee's alliance with her human mother, Cari is orphaned at the age of 4 and spends the next 22 years of her life hiding in plain sight. Along with her Uncle Randor, she is hunted by the evil Relian a race of rival aliens who have insidiously taken up key positions on Earth. Scaden is the Commander of the Valendran ship sent to Patrol the Milky Way galaxy. He never expected his boring assignment to this godforsaken quadrant of space to lead him to the survivors of a two millennia old Martian colony of Valendrans.....on Earth. Scaden's first whiff of the hybrid woman, Cari, is enough to scramble his brains with lust. With enemies tracking her on Earth and his own people slow to accept a possible union between the two, Scaden has to think fast to prevent his future with Cari from being ripped apart before it even begins.

I really liked this story. I thought Mikayla Lane built a fast-paced world with great set-up for further novels. I really wish that the editor would have paid a bit more attention to grammar, comma splicing and overall presentation. I would have loved to give this novel 4 stars but just couldn't get past the errors.

Kristi says

Decent debut novel with minor grammar and spelling issues that did throw me out of the story a couple of

times. The overall plot of the story of lost crew, fated mates, mars-needs-women trope, and special Earth women was a good one that the author seemed to have mastered. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series.
