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One touch, one spark, two lives forever changed.

Pine and Azure. The war between the two kingdoms lasted far too long. Peace was finally established, but the survivors would never forget who fought on the front lines. Oliver Sage had a reputation for being a ruthless knight. He'd seen enough death to last a lifetime and worked on putting the past behind him, although not all would let him forget.

Addison was the only daughter of King and Queen Azure. With three brothers, she knew she'd always be protected, but she also wanted to learn how to take care of herself. She was strong, had a good heart, and wanted to be treated as an equal. Magical abilities ran in her family, and she had one no one knew of.

Oliver had given his heart to one princess, until the night he dreamed of another. Addison was the last woman he should desire, especially given who she was. However, what if she wanted him as well? They'd hated each other their entire lives, but suddenly couldn't resist the desire which built between them. There were also those who didn't think they should be together. Forbidden romance could only stay hidden for so long in the dark depths of the Pine Forest.

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Romance Between The Sheets says

I've had a soft spot for Oliver since meeting him in **THE AZURE KINGDOM**. It was so sad to see the woman he was promised, the woman he'd sworn to protect, the woman he was in love with, fall in love with someone else, and I really wanted him to get his own HEA. **THE PINE FOREST** did not disappoint.

I really liked Oliver, who is the Pine Kingdom's fiercest knight and the King's most trusted friend. He's cool under pressure and strong in battle. He's kind, loyal, honest and has a good sense of humour. I liked Addison and thought her magical abilities were interesting, but I felt those abilities were not displayed to their full potential. I was also disappointed that, for a woman who trains with soldiers and was constantly saying she could protect herself, we never saw her showcase her fighting skills. I was waiting for her to go all badass on someone, but that didn't happen.

As bad as this will sound, not a great deal happens in this book. Oliver and Addison meet, they touch and feel a spark, they communicate in their dreams, they fall in love, her life is threatened, they defeat the threat, the end. But you know what? I think that's a good thing, because sometimes there can be so much going on in a story that the relationship takes a backseat. Here though, their relationship was front and centre. Despite the connection they feel to each other, they don't rush things. Instead, their relationship builds up slowly and they get to know each other over several weeks while they come to terms with the fact that only a few months earlier, they were at war.

THE PINE FOREST is told in dual POVs, with the epilogue being told in Elliott Azure's (Addison's brother) POV, who I assume will get the next book in the series. He is very hateful of the Pine Kingdom despite his family's desire to put the past behind them, and I hope to see him come around in his own book.

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I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Rachael Fick says

I was lucky enough to be part of the beta team for this one. I think y'all are going to fall in love with Oliver.

(Full review to come on release day)

Becky Rendon says

If like me you were panting after The Azure Kingdom searching for your next hit...you will be ecstatic.

Oliver Sage is the jilted, not even lover. He simply got his hopes up for too long over a woman who clearly isn't his. Sigh, who else felt the need to help him through that? (Hands up)

Everyone loves the underdog. Well, Oliver maybe the strongest knight in Pine but he's still the underdog.

A chance touch leaves Oliver unhinged and his world twisted into something new. Old prejudices and newer hates are hard to justify with his new burning desire.

See just how far he's willing to chase his dreams.

Experience the haunting desire.

Meet some new people.

Go ahead, take a walk on the Pine side...

(lame joke aside) The Pine Forest is a fun new tale in an intriguing world. Leave all your prejudices and expectations at the door. Otherwise you'd just embarrass yourself.

Candice says

Another truly amazing book. Great story. Kept me so focused that I couldn't put the book down. Addison and Oliver have this zing about them. Some people call it love at first sight. And there was some good twists in here that I didn't expect or see coming. And that ending was omg. I need the third book right now

Elaine says

Oh my what a book Michelle Dare is an outstanding author when it comes to the magical world. But with this book there was that I don't know what to feel because really who wouldn't want to have a love like this with one touch, one dream and that all consuming spark but in the end all coming true.

Amber Jones says

What a great novel. I have previously read The Azure Kingdom

which was a great start into these characters. The Pine Forest

is such a great advancement on the story of these two Kingdoms.

In a world full of magic and war two kingdoms Pine and Azure are

trying to start a new life with a treaty when Oliver one of the

most dangerous knights from the Pine kingdom enters Addisons

life the fiercer strong princess from the Azure kingdom.

They have known each other or of each other for years but when

they touch skin on accident at a wedding something ignites in

them both and they are drawn to each other after that.

I can't spoil it for you but this is a must read. This pair goes

through so much just to be together and it is amazing. They are

amazing.

Love love love this author can't wait for more from her she is an

absolutely wonderful writer that draws you into the story by the

power of her characters.

5 stars

Letty (Cover to Cover Book Blog Reviewer) says

When I read The Azure Kingdom, book 1 in this series, I knew I had to get more on Oliver. The loyal knight who will do anything for his kingdom... I wanted to know his story, to see him get his HEA...and then comes Addison. She is strong, she is opinionated and not afraid to speak her mind. I enjoyed the way their relationship was clouded in this air of impossibility because she's the Princess of a rival kingdom. The way they put that aside in a way to be together...the way their dreams became reality and allowed them to communicate as if they were awake. The way this world was described, bringing vivid images to life... the way almost everyone had their own dragon!!! I enjoyed it so much.

Denise Van plew says

If I thought the last one was good, then this one I found to be even better if that could be possible. Since I now have a feel for these kingdoms which are refreshing and different with the different characters that keep you there, this one ensnared me. It has been a long time since one such as this has done so with the flavor of dragons, knights etc but it is more fantasy not medieval. This one is more of a love story that is spun slowly then builds up speed with us along with them. And those dreams being a big part of it all. Oliver and Addison even though they were enemies things will change with reading being the part that sees the change. Her defensiveness is charming but then you need it to be so much more. It is like the author has waved a wand, transported you here, experience some more of life here and the building of love. You get caught up in the excitement and pleasure in this fantasy that when you reach the end you are like where am I?

Sassy Southern says

The second book in The Iridescent Realm Series and it's just as good as the first. And like I said in the first review I'm very surprised that I'm enjoying these fantasy books so much, it's a first for me and I'm loving

it!!!! In this book we get to learn more about Lucas sister Addison. Who is just as strong as her brothers are. And also Oliver who we feel in love with in the first book because he was promised Ali's hand and he fought for her but once she choose Lucas he gave her up for her happiness. But sometimes fate has other plans for us and who we thought was planned for us wasn't at all. But with everything and everyone fighting to stop Oliver and Addi from being together will they even get a chance? And someone wants one or both of them completely out of the way. Find out when you read this book. And I can't wait to read Elliott's book!!! I am loving this series and I highly recommend it!!!!

Linda Rea says

First off I didn't think Michelle Dare could top Azure Kingdom but she sure did with the Pine Forest! Oliver is heartbroken that Alison has chosen Lucas but he is determined to protect his king and someday find someone to love. When he catches Addison before she falls the feeling that goes from his hand and up his arm is strange, then he notices Addison's expression and she felt it too. When her brother Elliot pulls her away from Oliver and Elliot shows his hostility Oliver is quick to back off. That night in his dreams he sees Addison and she is perfect not the he doesn't admire her as a warrior even though she is a princess she is the first to join the Elite in battle. This dream is so clear and feels so real he doesn't want to wake up. Addison felt the electricity after Oliver touched her so when she kisses him in her dream she knows that it's wrong. Addison is seeing Wesley one of the knights in her fathers army and she feels that it's wrong to kiss Oliver even in her dreams. When Oliver comes to the defense of her and the Azure kingdom she is really starting to fall deeper, but Wesley gets hurt so she feels obligated to take care of him. Then she defends Oliver when her brother starts to attack him and she realizes how she feels but is she brave enough to tell the family?

I just got so deep into this story I would get mad when I had to put it down. If you love fairy tales and dragons mixed with some drama this is a story you are going want to read. I am still sad I finished it, I hope to read more about the Azure and the Pines

Suzanne says

OH Ms Michelle Dare, you have nailed it out of the ballpark with this one. The way I was able to connect with the characters in this story and feel the flow of the story. Dare has a brilliant way of writing attention to detail as well as describe such an engrossing story. I felt like I was living the world that she has created. The tension and passion between Pine and Azure is huge still. Add Oliver, who was nursing a broken heart, and Addison who never expected him, you have heightened emotion and passion that leaves you utterly breathless. I felt like these two were made for each other. From the dreams to being together in person, their chemistry was off the charts! The side stories of these two's journey was perfectly intertwined and flowed amazingly.

Overall, this series has to be one of my favorite fantasy ones. I am left with images of dragons and knights and swords and the damsel. It makes me want to live in this world that Dare has created and fly away on my own dragon! And that epilogue! OH MAN! Bring it on! I am super excited for what is to come!

Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

The Pine Forest is the second book in The Iridescent Realm series, and this time we focus of the Pine realm,

instead of the Azures. Oliver Sage we met in book one, as he was Alison's betrothed, years before she even knew he existed. However, she ended up with Lucas, and Oliver nursed his wounded heart. To rub salt into the wound, he has to attend her wedding. Whilst he is there, he stops Addison, Alison's new sister in law, from falling over. The minute their skin touches, electricity flows through both of them. However, although the Kings of the Pine and Azure realms have decreed peace, emotions still run high. Not surprising considering the years of war between them. Will Oliver and Addison be able to overcome the prejudice and get their HEA?

This is an extremely well written book, with a return to what already feels like a familiar and loved world. Seeing old characters return, plus new ones arrive, gave the story depth, making it well rounded. The prejudices they face on both sides are completely believable, which just makes you yearn for them to be okay even more. With a few hidden surprises along the way, this is an enjoyable story that continues to make your time in the Iridescent Realms absolutely wonderful.

With no editing or grammatical errors to disrupt the reading flow, this is a smoothly paced book that is a wonderful addition to the series. Definitely recommended by me.

* A copy of this book was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book, and my comments here are my honest opinion. *

Merissa
Archaeolibrarian - I Dig Good Books!

Tina Morgan says

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Mandy Sawyer says

Oliver is mine.

I just want to put that out there!

Michelle's writing is growing so much. It is truly wonderful to be a part of this. The characters are strong and lovable. The storyline is great and it is truly turning into a place that I can picture in my mind with all the animals and dragons.

You will fall in love with this realm so quickly it's scary.

I need more though, so get your butt in your writing cave woman!

Nicole Smith says

I really enjoyed this one. It had great characters and an engaging story. I will say I didn't like this one as much as I liked the first book in the series, but I'm still a big fan of this series after reading this book. I did like Addison and Oliver together. Going from enemies to lovers. There is a lot of things going against them, but do they have what it takes to it to forever? I do love the magic element. The epilogue has left me wanting more so I hope there is more to come in this series.
